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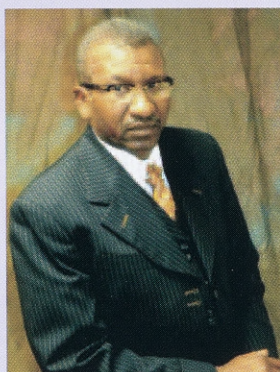
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The Whole Truth is the official news source for the more than 5 million members of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., the nation's premier Holiness-Pentecostal denomination. The historically acclaimed Bishop Charles Harrison Mason founded the Church Of God In Christ in 1897; and since its inception the predominately Black body has impacted all segments of Christendom throughout the world. *The Whole Truth* can trace its existence to the 1900s when the news journal reported on various social and spiritual issues, and the saints have embraced the publication as their official news source from that point in history.

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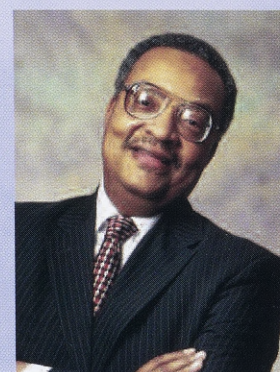
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Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr.

Publishing Board Announces Rebirth of The Whole Truth

Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr.



Attorney John Daniels

Attorney John Daniels and the Church Of God In Christ Publishing Board have adopted a plan to redevelop *The Whole Truth Magazine*. In a sweeping move to upgrade editorial quality, initiate positive growth in readership and broaden circulation, the Publishing Board voted to cease publication of the magazine until April of 2011. The magazine will not do a subscription drive until the April 2011 debut of the new look magazine. At the April Call Meeting in 2011 subscribers may again read from the magazine that began as a newsletter written by Bishop Mason to early converts in 1897. The newsletter was known simply as *Truth*. In 1907 Bishop Mason reorganized the Church, now Pentecostal and renamed the newspaper, *The Whole Truth*.

Pastor Ron Owens, committee chairman plans to have an electronic periodical along with the traditional magazine. Chairman Daniels and I agree the magazine must keep pace with the world's need for religious news and faith. It was in 1996 that former Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens changed the newspaper format to a magazine. The magazine will maintain the traditional news of the Church, but it will expand the approach, coverage, and provide feature stories on past and present leaders in the Church. The magazine will raise questions and answers about how COGIC fits in the world of religious institutions and more importantly focus on stories that impact the Church at every level.

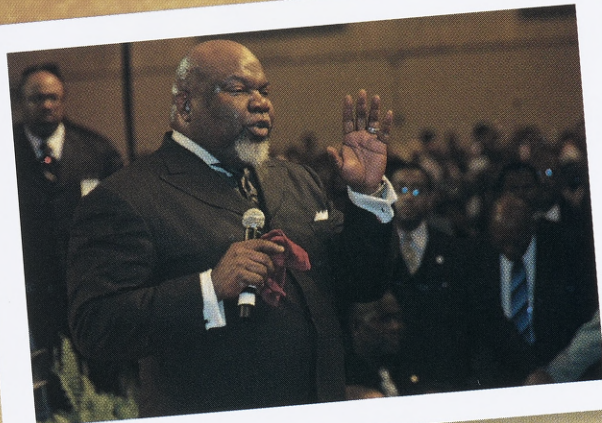
A new team of writers and interviewers will bring to focus the people, events, and views of Church leaders and laity involved in a variety of interest. The latest technology and software will be secured to provide customer service and better delivery of the magazine. These changes are a part of the progressive innovation of the Blake Administration.

I am sure this latest launch of the magazine will make each and every saint proud. During the past 103rd Holy Convocation in St. Louis, Missouri the decision was made. The time is right for a bold and progressive measure to move the magazine forward. Chairman Daniels and the Publishing Board are confident the Church will enjoy the upgrade. I, too, believe the investment of resources and talents in *The Whole Truth* will bring about significant improvement and service to the Church at large.

Only a few renewal subscriptions were taken during the 103rd Holy Convocation. Those subscriptions will be honored and all others will commence from a fresh start in April 2011.

Dr. David A. Hall, Sr.
Editor

103rd Holy Convocation Events



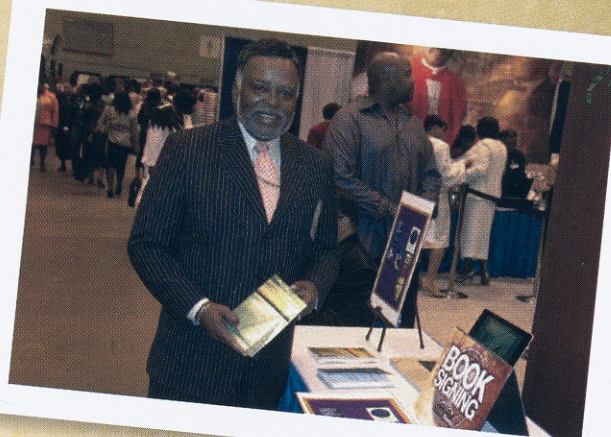
Bishop T.D. Jakes preaching.



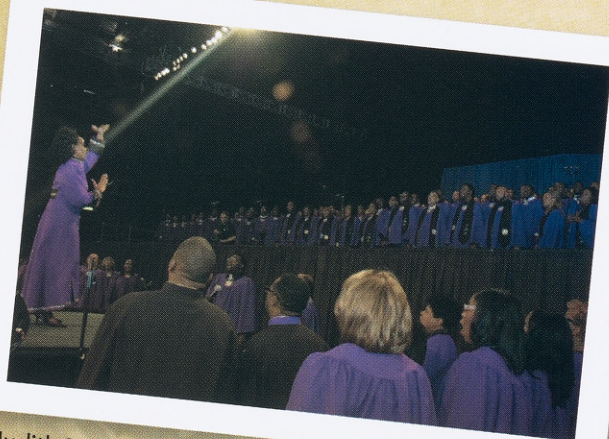
Presiding Bishop Blake presents Bishop Sedgwick Daniels an award for his work on the restoration of the John Lee Building.



Publishing Board poses for group photo.



Bishop Malcom Coby at authors book signing.



Dr. Judith McAllister directed a 700 voice International Choir.



The Board of Bishops were splendidly dressed and well represented.

St. Louis, Missouri—Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the Presidium of the Church Of God In Christ welcomed the Saints to the 103rd Holy International Convocation. The 103rd Holy Convocation was the first convocation conducted outside of Memphis, Tennessee, Headquarters for COGIC. The theme "Great God, Great Vision, Great Accomplishments!" proved

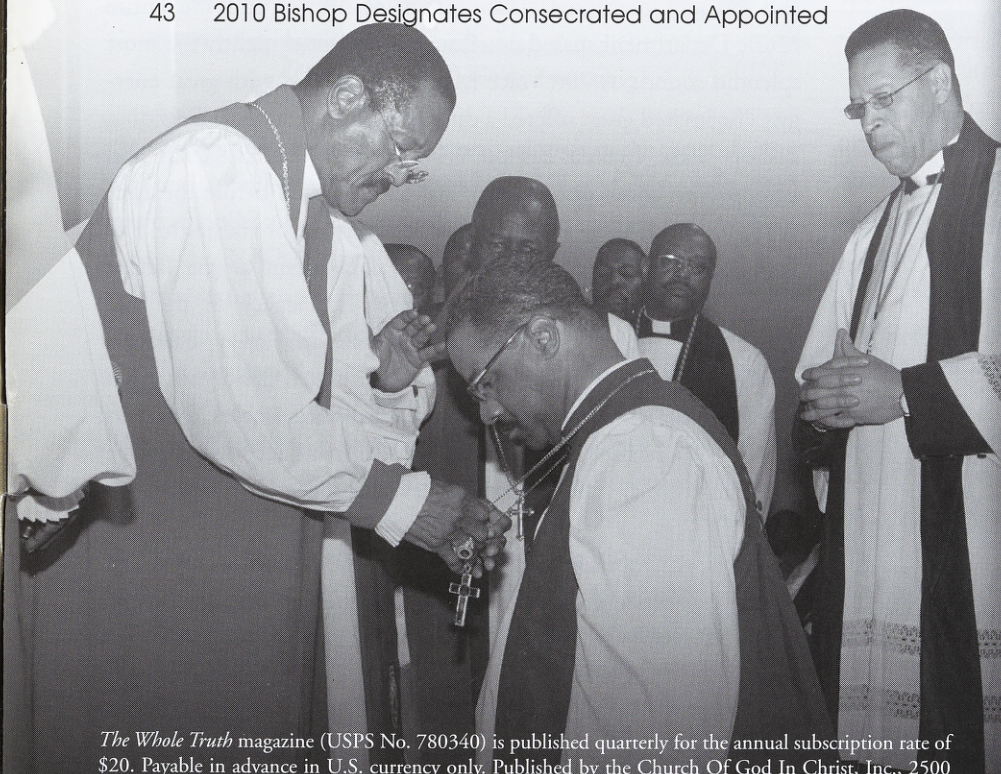
prophetic and a guiding light for hopeful convocation goers. For the first time in years the entire aggregate of convention goers assembled in one place for the Official Day Worship. Estimates of 38,000 to 40,000 people viewed the high and holy worship services in the American Dome. The Word Network broadcast the wor-

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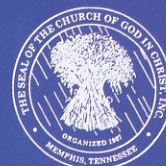
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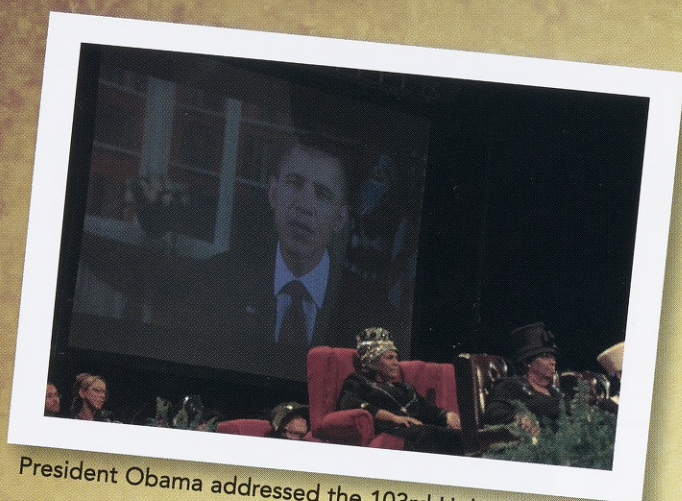
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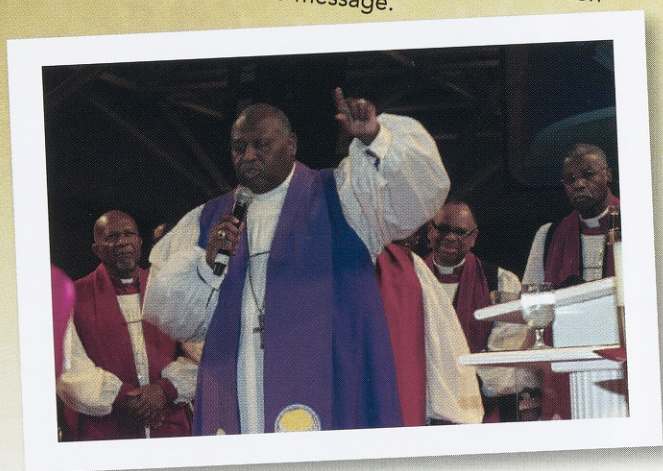
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President Obama addressed the 103rd Holy Convocation via video message.



Bishop Noel Jones – thrilled the saints with powerful preaching.



Bishop Felton Smith delivered the Holy Communion message.



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ship around the world and countless millions witnessed the music, the praise and the preaching as never before.

From the humble origin in a gin-house in Lexington, Mississippi, the Church Of God In Christ has grown to 12,000 local congregations and has members in 60 nations on five continents. Bishop Charles H. Mason would possibly be amazed to see how God blessed the work of his life. The old cliché is "Home is Where the Heart is!" November 8-15, 2010 demonstrated that God is in the hearts of His saints. The move to St. Louis, Missouri did not dampen the enthusiasm or the attendance of the delegates.

The city of St. Louis was ready for the Annual Meeting. It appeared that every conceivable thing was done to make the saints welcome, comfortable and happy for the experience. The city of St. Louis, and all its components, worked together for our good. The hotels and other accommodations were easily accessible. Police and city personnel were visible and encouraging. The area Bishops R. J. Ward, L. M. Wooten and James M. Scott, Sr. readied the people in support mode and the welcome mat was most excellently laid out.

The worship services were accentuated with spirit filled music

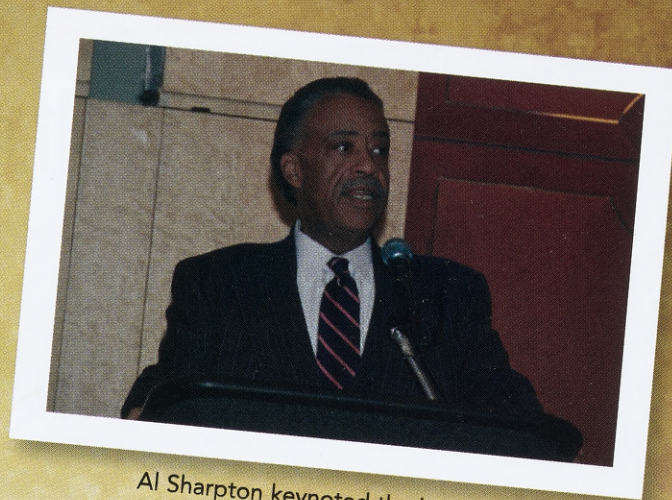
and glorious preaching. Dr. Judith McAllister and the entire Music Department spared no effort and delivered nightly the most splendid sound. A 700 Voice Mass Choir served with great energy. The invited guest offered a dimension of excitement. Presiding Bishop Blake invited Bishop T.D. Jakes of Dallas, Texas and Bishop Noel Jones of Los Angeles, CA to preach before the convention. Both men are giants on the horizon of the faith. The Reverend Al Sharpton addressed the convention at the largest COGIC Charities Banquet in history. The legacy of the late Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson grows with every banquet. COGIC Charities was his vision and he initiated the organization that currently serves the world whenever disaster occurs. This was the largest and most financially successful banquet to date. The proceeds are very much needed as never before.

Daily the convocation was blessed with a fresh anointed Word of God. Every scheduled preacher and missionary who spoke during the week accorded themselves very well and proved inspirational to the thousands of listeners.

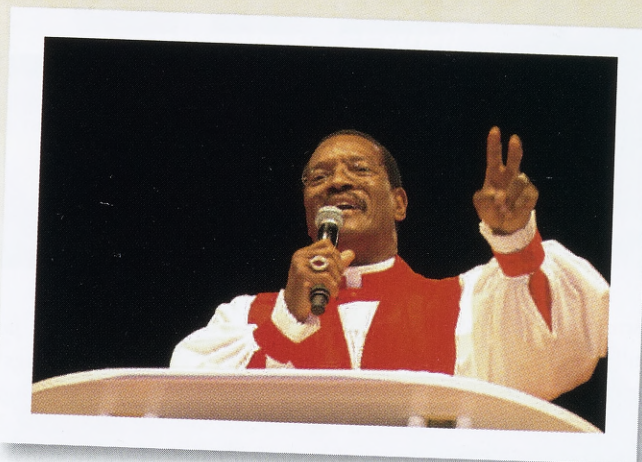
The saints traditionally attend the Holy Convocation for worship and fellowship. The leadership is equally concerned about the growth of individuals in ministry. The Convocation planners



Sister Louise Patterson at COGIC Charities Banquet. The late Bishop G.E. Patterson founded the Charity



Al Sharpton keynoted the banquet.



Presiding Bishop Blake Preaching.



Pastor James Pullings, Pastor Jerry Amos, MD receive awards for service in Haiti from Presiding Bishop Blake and Dr. John Penton, Executive Director of COGIC Charities.

offered the saints tremendous educational tools in the form of seminars and departmental training sessions. This Holy Convocation served to uplift and develop the delegates for witness and ministry at every level. The program committee provided educational and ministry experiences that swelled the classrooms daily. The American Center offered accommodations under one roof that kept the thousands of delegates comfortable and busy throughout the day. The unveiling of the COGIC Urban Initiatives, under the direction of Pastor Edwin C. Bass, offered untold benefits for those combating the challenges of ministry in the difficult urban areas.

The Lord's Day Worship was conducted in the Edward Jones Dome. The massive 80,000 seat sports and convention dome was prepared to meet the needs of the saints. The theme for the worship was "A Revelation of God's Glory." The huge facility was transformed into a sanctified temple of praise. The processional, guided by the National Adjutancy, offered sight and sound that were heavenly. The Glory of God shone brightly on that Sunday, November 14, 2010. At 9:00 a.m., everything the leader hoped and prayed for became a reality. Assembled under one roof was the

massive crowd of the Holy Congregation. There has never been anything like it before. For those saints who traveled to St Louis, Missouri and registered, they have proof of their attendance. God met His people and their praise and thanksgiving were unparalleled. Presiding Bishop Charles Blake preached under the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost before the saints, and his message was clarion in his delivery. The Church Of God In Christ yet has "God, Vision and Accomplishments" ahead. ☪



Second Assistant PB In Haiti



Bishop Jerry Macklin at Haitian Headquarters.

The site team | to R-Elder James Pullings, Dr. David Hall and Bishop Jerry Macklin. Not seen is Dr. Andre Morgan

St. Louis, Missouri – During the 103rd International Holy Convocation, Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake assigned Second Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry Macklin to search out strategies for the continuing saga of the Haitian earthquake recovery. The enormous task is challenging, but the need for recovery, that is, rebuilding of churches, homes and lives in Haiti is tremendous. The nation is almost in ruins and the valid struggle of its people is the stuff of legend.

The country's infrastructure is hardly adequate for a quick fix. No amount of contractors, architects, engineers or even the vast wealth of nations can turn that situation around quickly. Haiti is a "God case!"

The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. sustained the loss of over 100 saints, destruction of 22 church buildings, an orphanage, and the C.H. Mason Elementary School. Support from around the world is helping. The multi-national relief effort has brought compassion and the most capable persons to the forefront with an endeavor to ease the suffering and heal the nation. NonGovernmental Organizations (NGO)'s are currently implementing plans to overcome the logistics of construction of housing, water distribution and waste management.

With a smile on his face and a determined "can do spirit" Bishop Jerry Macklin accepted the charge given him by Presiding Bishop Blake. At the end of the 103rd Holy Convocation Bishop Macklin assembled a team of aides to travel to Haiti and complete the assessment of the Church's best approach to our immediate con-

cerns. Dr. David Hall, Dr. Andre Morgan and the Elder James Pullings flew down and shared in the review. Elder Pullings has been the Church's man on site since the earliest days of the tragedy. The team members surveyed the devastated areas and made contact with local officials, some international businesses and other relief agencies to build support for the coming Church effort.

The trip proved successful because the team made contact with a few noted leaders of industry who desired to help. The Church Of God In Christ has a well established name in the country of Haiti. These outstanding businesses could find it beneficial to offer their services and to support the Church's endeavors. The persons assembled expressed possible commitment for a broad based grassroots effort in collaboration with the Church Of God In Christ. Solving issues such as expediting delivery of medical supplies, raw materials for construction of homes and training of individuals were addressed by the group. Bishop Macklin's primary goal of fact finding and best assessment for problem solving was broached in a think tank manner.

The Macklin team made some encouraging progress during the trip. "The Church Of God In Christ has many needs in Haiti. The saints have contributed much through COGIC Charities but so much more is needed. My prayer is that God will make a way for us to continue having an impact where it means the most. Presiding Bishop Blake and the General Board of Bishops are very concerned that we maximize our resources," said Bishop Macklin.

There will be further reports on the developing situation coming from the General Board of Bishops.📍

Did You Renew Your Annual Subscription?

Last December the staff at the Publishing House mailed a renewal notice to your house. Hundreds of you took the opportunity to use the return envelope and send the payment back. Many hundreds of you failed to return the envelope.



The Whole Truth Magazine is constantly upgrading and attempting to provide timely and important news of the Church Of God In Christ. Every saint, especially credential holders, should receive the magazine. It only costs \$20.00.



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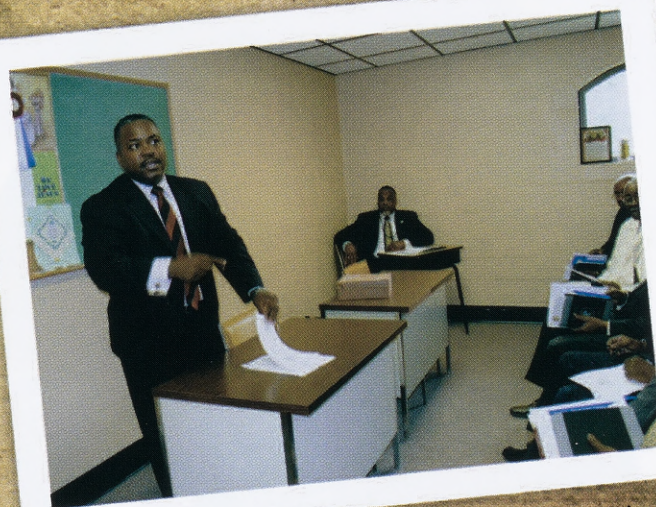
GENERAL COUNCIL OF PASTORS A SUCCESS!



Attorney Amos Smith dealt with the legal matters of the pastor.



Dr. Michael Stevens provided great instructions for men's ministry.



Dr. Harold Bennett taught the value of Biblical education.



Chairman Grover addresses the Council.



Class sessions were well attended.

PASTORS AND ELDERS 2010 MEET WITH

Memphis, Tennessee—General Council of Pastors and Elders' Chairman Isaiah Grover brought together pastors and elders from around the country for a successful meeting. The General Council is in the midst of organizational change and the challenge that confronted Superintendent Grover was immediate. The question of whether he could communicate and pull together the strained structure of clergy was answered with an affirmation of support. He proved to be the right man for the challenge. The group met in Memphis under hurried circumstances, but managed a full agenda of speakers, classes and opportunities for fellowship. The Council's faithful officers and supporters demonstrated they could meet the challenge with a classic event. The theme for the Convention was "Restore, Rebuild, Refill."

Chairman Grover is the grand "ole man" of the council. He has been actively participating as a registered member and officer for nearly forty years. The Chicago pastor is known for his quiet demeanor and equally determined spirit. He has been a building block in the administrations of the late Bishop D.A. Baxter, Elder Franklin Knight, Elder Solomon Williams, Bishop Newton, Elder Thomas Hammonds and Elder Derrick Hutchins. Whatever Elder Grover was given to do, he did it and wherever the General Council served, he was there. God has preserved him and made him the man for this season.

The General Council's executive planning committee relegated the annual meeting to only two days and filled the days with preaching, lectures and information to build ministries. Chairman Grover worked closely with Presiding Bishop Charles Blake, Sr. and brought together the clergy for what they expected: a great session! Among the speakers was Dr. David A. Hall, Sr. who keynoted the early breakfast. He asked the delegates, "Are You In Line?" Dr. Harold Bennett, Dean of Mason Theological Seminary delivered two sessions, "Fundamentals of Preaching" and "The Seminary and the Church." Justice Talbert Swan, Sr. provided "Guidelines to Govern the General Council of Pastors and Elders." Dr. Michael Stevens taught two sessions,

"Straight Talk for Challenging Times" and "Creating a Culture to Reach Black Men." Elder Amos Smith, Esq. was very practical in his offer of "The Law and the Church." Elder Darryl Burton was scheduled for a course in "Biblical Economics." Pastor Antwan Powels offered "Bridging the Digital Divide." Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. preached the evening message and stirred the convention.

In attendance at the meeting were Second Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry Macklin and General Board of Bishops' members Bishop Samuel Green and Bishop Sedgwick Daniels. Other notable bishops from around the country attended.



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. congratulates Chairman Grover

The General Council gathered at Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ. Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., Chairman of the General Assembly hosted the group. The entire Pentecostal Temple facility was opened to the General Council's use. From early in the morning at the beginning of breakfast to the closing worship, all things were totally successful. General Council members rallied together and delivered an event to be proud of.

Chairman Grover officially spoke to the gathering about his life experiences during his Chairman's address. He was a military man, an educator in the Chicago School System and a pastor with love for people. Those in attendance heard the words of a soft spoken but faithful man. At this time in the life of the General Council of Pastors and Elders, Chairman Isaiah Grover is the man of the hour. "We can be restored. We can rebuild and we can be refilled to do the work of the ministry that God has called us to do. In the time we are living, the need is greater than ever before to continue with great fervor. Let us put our efforts together and move on in the power and strength of God," said the Chairman. Chairman Grover thanked Tennessee area Bishops: Samuel Lowe, Jerry Maynard, J.O. Patterson, Jr., James M. Scott Sr., Felton Smith and Brandon Porter; Mississippi Bishops: A.V. Jordan, Hollis Musgrove and T.T. Scott; and Arkansas Bishops: Wallace Johnson, Roy E. Matheny, Jewel Withers, Jr. and Frank Anderson for their tremendous support. ☉

Leadership Conference 2011



The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. will gather in the City of Birmingham, Alabama to conduct its Leadership Conference 2011. January 17-20, 2011, the Saints will gather to plan and implement the year's ministry. Conducting the ministry of a 6 million membership organization is not an easy task. The General Church is calling upon all who would like to better their approach to ministry, to attend. The theme "Excel-erate with Synergy... The Power of Unity" (Judges 7:16, 20, 21) will be presented over a three day period. Second Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry W. Macklin and a team of workers have planned a tremendous session.

On January 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., a National Summit for the Next Generation of COGIC Leaders will be offered. This one day leadership institute for youth and young adults will empower and provide mentorship for participants. The day will feature a summit meeting with Church leaders and celebrate the Civil Rights heritage found in Birmingham. The celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday will focus on the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement. Youth will be educated in the Spiritual heritage of Bishop C. H. Mason, the prophetic voice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Global Witness being offered by our Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

January 18, 2011, the Presiding Bishop will host a Global Leadership Forum. This will be a time to hear the compelling and insightful vision of the leader about the future of the Church Of

God In Christ. In addition, 16 powerful workshops will be conducted throughout the day. Breakout sessions for every church worker will be available. That evening, a first ever, Laymen Leadership National Training Institute will be conducted. National leaders will serve as facilitators. "The Goal of Strengthening and Empowering Laymen for Dynamic Leadership" is the theme. Deacons, Deaconesses, Preachers, Missionaries, Music Ministry, Evangelism, Missions, Youth Workers and Church administrators will be taught.

January 19, 2011, the conference will host six (1 day) conferences and intensive studies. The topics are as follows: Church Administrator's Conference, Small Business Empowerment Camp, Leadership Development Symposium, Church Growth: The Next Decade, Time Management and Personal Productivity and Developing Your Jurisdictional Vision.

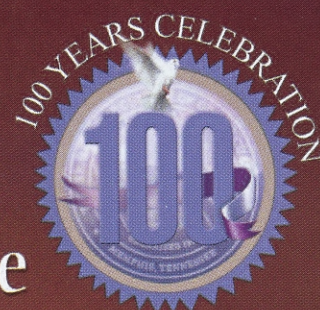
Registration for the one day conference is \$100.00 per person. Delegates attending the entire conference can receive the entire event for \$250.00.

Hotel accommodations will be offered at the Sheraton Hotel located at 2101 Richard Arrington Junior Boulevard, North Birmingham, Alabama 35203.☎

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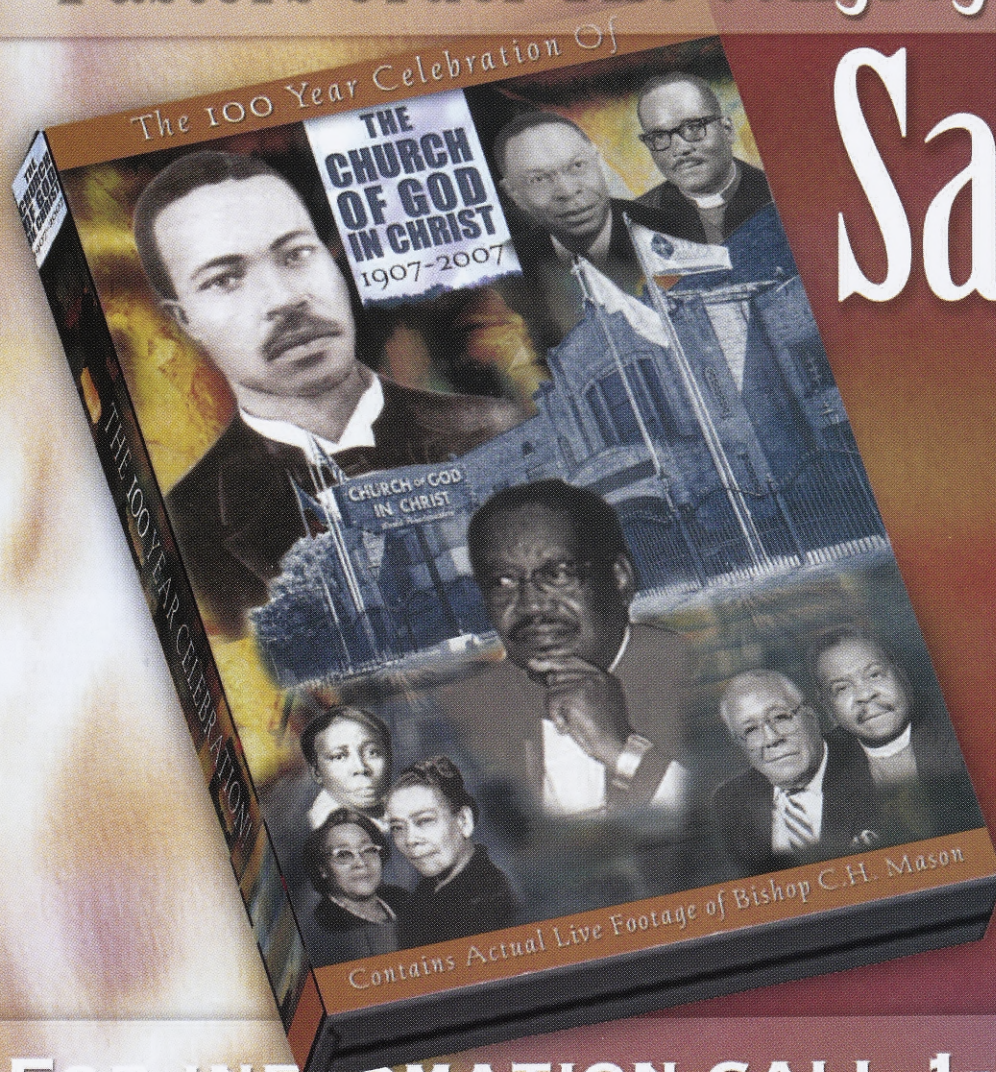
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Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake

Holds Leadership Summit in the Republic of Zambia During African Tour



In William R. Hutchinson's classic work, *Errand to the World*, he states that early American missionary activities were "the Peace Corps before the Peace Corps." As a global leader the International Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Charles E. Blake, is indeed a missionary with a spiritual errand to impact the world with a religious fervor and secular development to his constituents throughout the world.

On a recent African tour, one of the countries he visited was Zambia, a country located in southern Africa. His host was Dr. Justine Gondwe, COGIC representative in the Zambia Central African Jurisdiction and the pastors of the Church Of God In Christ in Zambia and Botswana.

Once a middle income country, Zambia's per capita annual income is \$1,500 with two-thirds of the population living in

poverty. The HIV/Aids epidemic is ravaging Zambia. According to the U.S. State Department 14.5% of Zambians are infected with AIDS and over 800,000 Zambian children have lost one or both of their parents due to the disease. Forty-five percent of the Republic of Zambia's eleven million citizens are under age 14. Also since most Zambians are subsistence farmers, water is very important, yet waterborne diseases also are a causative factor in Zambians having a life expectancy of only 38.63 years.

Sharing from the theme "Leading to Impact a Generation", Bishop Blake held *The Bishop Charles E. Blake Leadership Summit* August 17-21, 2010 at the Emmasdale Salvation Army center. Christianity is the official religion of Zambia but with a growing Pentecostal presence in the Republic,

Pastor Justine Gondwe offers thanks to God for the care the Presiding Bishop showed during his visit and for all the information that was presented to help the Church Of God In Christ grow and prosper in the Republic of Zambia.

The Whole Truth Associate Editor, Glenda Goodson interviewed Pastor Gondwe who reported the following:

The Whole Truth: Dr. Justine Gondwe, what was the purpose of the Presiding Bishop's Summit?

Dr. Gondwe: The Church Of God In Christ National leadership Summit was held from the 17th to the 21st of August of, 2010 in Lusaka, Zambia. This summit brought COGIC leaders from across Zambia and neighboring Botswana.

TWT: That's wonderful. Who were the leaders coming in from Botswana?

JG: The Assistant Bishop for Botswana Jurisdiction, Elder Champion Malongwa led the delegation from that country to the Summit.

TWT: This was a major undertaking. I understand from talking with you prior to this event (and also talking with your godmother, Mother Emma Clark here in the States) that the needs are of great in Zambia and indeed across the country.

JG: [The Summit] took place at a Salvation Army facility with lodging, restaurant and church hall in one place. The delegates stayed and had meals at the venue site during the entire conference. The Presiding Bishop sponsored this event.

TWT: The Summit theme was *"Leading to Impact a Generation."* Tell me how that played out in the minds of the participants.

JG: The conference though inaugural, was well attended by a lot of pastors from COGIC and other churches seeking affiliation to COGIC. And due to the impact it made it has been resolved that it becomes an annual event that will be bringing all the leaders together to receive direction and instructions for moving COGIC to higher heights in the Zambian and other African COGIC jurisdictions interested in being part of it in the near future.

TWT: The Presiding Bishop knows how to build a sermon. How did the participants receive the Word through COGIC's Chief Apostle?

JG: [The] Presiding Bishop's official address was on the 18th in the afternoon. The hall was packed to capacity by leaders who were so hungry to hear the Word of the Lord through His servant. When I introduced the Presiding Bishop to speak, the audience exploded with joy! They were so happy to see and hear from the servant of God they had been waiting for! The Bishop spoke from his heart to his children. He touched on many issues that leaders need to observe as they lead in

COGIC. The most outstanding one was unity of the churches and leaders in the larger COGIC vision in the Zambian nation. The hall was filled with the Holy Ghost while the Bishop was speaking. He concluded his message by saying "I see you in the future and you look better" and asked everybody in the room to say "YES WE CAN". After he finished speaking, he laid hands on all the pastors in the room and blessed them.

TWT: You had a productive meeting didn't you?

JG: [Bishop Blake] also handed each pastor a new Bible and COGIC Official Manual handbook. [We were all] delighted as these will empower [everyone] to effectively do ministry in their respective churches according to the Word of God and COGIC guidelines.

Also, the Bishop from Botswana gave a word of thanks for the message by the Presiding Bishop. Pastor Gondwe, on behalf of African leaders honored Bishop Blake with a plaque for his labors in extending God's kingdom and saving lives by his relief works through SAVE AFRICA'S CHILDREN.

TWT: That's a good segue to talk about SAVE AFRICA'S CHILDREN. During the Presiding Bishop's time in your country did he visit any of the projects that are underway?

JG: The Bishop concluded his visit with us by commissioning the water project funded by his organization SAVE AFRICA'S CHILDREN in a village called Chazanga.

TWT: Help the readers to understand what the water project really means to individuals like the people of Chazanga.

JG: The project has been named after him and will provide improved health through clean water. It is on a piece of ground where ZAMBIA MISSION is intending to construct a COGIC Church once funds totaling \$25,000.00 are available.

TWT: Dr. Justine Gondwe, I know it took a lot of work for you to host this summit so you get some rest! As always, it is great to hear from you and I want you to know how much we appreciate you keeping us informed of the great things God is doing in your country. Thank you so much for all that you are doing in the kingdom. We really appreciate you taking time to share with the readers about the great things that were done in the Presiding Bishop's Leadership Summit in Zambia.

JG: The organizers and summit participants were very grateful to the Bishop for his sacrifice to pay for this life changing conference in a central place in the city Lusaka. ☺

Contact Dr. Gondwe at 260966854436 or justin_gondwe@hotmail.com.

The Lee Administrative Building Dedicated



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and Mother Ruth Mason Lewis cut the ribbon during the dedication.



L. to R. - Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Mrs. Sandra D. Winston, Mrs. Mattie Porter, Mrs. Mary Patterson, Mr. Bill Watson (Nephew of Stewart Watson), M.

Memphis, Tennessee—The campus of Mason Temple will never be the same! Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the General Board developed the plan to raise funds and renovate the John Lee Building. The old dormitory was built during days of poverty and segregation. For many years, the building housed convocation attendees and proved to the world that Black people could build for themselves housing accommodations in the South. Since those early days that were marked by the struggle of the saints and people of color, both segregation and the building became elements of the past. The building has set for years in dilapidation.

Since then the ministry of the Church Of God In Christ has grown strongly in numbers and influence, and the need for space in the Headquarters has come to a premium. No building on the Mason Campus is suitable for today's Church. The expanding world ministry and the need to house professional personnel have created limited space. The only logical thing to do was to reinvest

in the building on the Church's property. Bishop Blake decided to use what was available. The nearly dilapidated Lee Building became a prime property for our situation.

The Presiding Bishop turned to the newest stalwart on the General Board for a visionary solution and plan. Bishop Sedgwick Daniels is a man of energy and proven ability. He took on the challenge of raising funds and supervising the renovation of the Lee Building. Bishop Daniels and younger persons did not know who Mr. John Lee was. Only a few older saints had an idea or could place the historic figure with the name on the building. Bishop Daniels reached out to find the historical evidence about Mr. John Lee and the reason why Bishop C. H. Mason named a building in Lee's honor. While the renovations were being completed, the Lee history was searched out by noted scholars. It was found that Bro. Lee was saved and sanctified under the ministry of Bishop Mason. He was one of the first appointed deacons in the St. Paul Church. It was discovered that Bro. Lee was a man



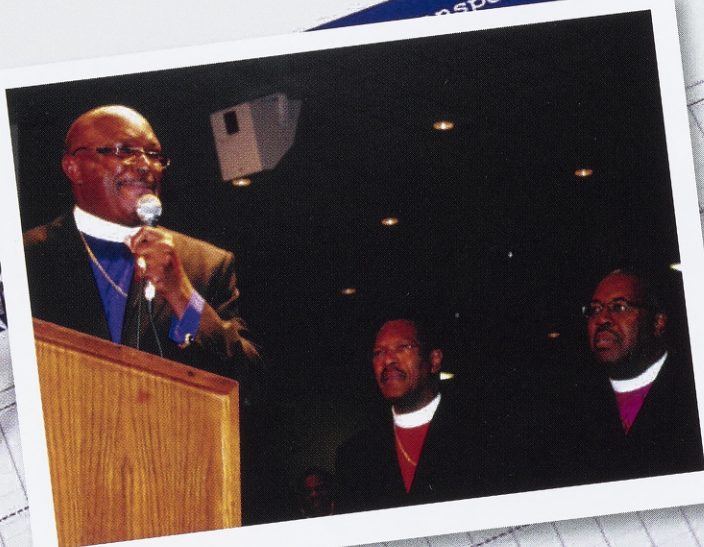
Stewart Watson), Ms. Mallory Watson, Mayor Robbin McCorey (Lexington, MS), Bishop S. L. Green and Mrs. Jacqueline Brown (City Clerk- Lexington, MS).

of skill and business acumen. His family's generosity help sustain Bishop Mason during some of the most difficult periods of his life.

On September 8, 2010, the day of dedication, the saints gathered on the grounds of Mason Temple Campus. At 5:00 p.m., the gathering numbered several hundreds. The "great" and "small" were in attendance. Mrs. Mary Patterson, widow of the late Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. labored incessantly to discover facts and persons to embellish the celebration. In attendance were bishops, elders, missionaries and lay persons. Most interesting were the descendants of Mr. John Lee and Mr. Stewart Watson. Mr. Watson was the white gentleman who allowed Bishop Mason the right to preach and develop his fledgling church at the Gin House. Mrs. Mary Patterson commended the efforts of Dr. Percy Washington and Mother Louise Hall, cousins in the Lee family, who brought many persons and artifacts to her attention. Mother Patterson stated, "This display of historic arti-

facts presents a heritage in holiness. I am thankful for the descendants of both Mr. Watson and Mr. John Lee for being so kind and supportive." She introduced Mr. Julius Watson of Jackson, Mississippi, and the mayor of Lexington, Mississippi, Robin McCorey. Mayor McCorey and the special guest toured the Lee Building and the adjacent house of Bishop Mason. Through the efforts of the Mason, Watson and Lee families, photos and artifacts were on display. Mrs. Mary Patterson thanked the Presiding Bishop for having the vision to use property long forgotten.

Bishop Daniels was pleased to inform all who gathered that the job was near to completion. Money collected over the last year made the renovations possible. "For those who pledged and have not met your full obligation, there is still time. For those who have been inspired and wish to be a contributor, we can take your money now," said the Bishop. Presiding Bishop Charles Blake cut the ribbon on the Lee Building with the sole surviving daughter of Bishop C. H. Mason: Mother Ruth Lewis.☉



Arkansas Second Jurisdiction, Bishop Frank J. Anderson preaching.

Presiding Bishop Conducts Lay Recognition Campaign

Memphis, Tennessee—The Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. is ultimately responsible for the generation and collection of revenue throughout the Church to conduct its ministries. Amid all the pageantry of the Founder's Day activity, collecting Lay report was essential to the daily operation of the institution. The campaign was coined as COGIC Loyalty Day and every local pastor was responsible to collect a \$20.00 report from each adult member. If collected, the \$20.00 report would provide sufficient funds for the worldwide operations of the Church Of God In Christ.

Presiding Bishop Blake commented, "We gather and honor our founder, celebrate the dedication of the John Lee Administrative Building, and provide our financial support to the Loyalty Day Campaign." The general Church gathered, celebrated history, appreciated living individuals, dedicated the Lee Building and reports were collected throughout the day. Numerous jurisdictions reported and the amount was substantial, but did not realistically reflect the true numerical strength of the Church Of God In Christ. Jurisdictional Bishops from Maine to California proved to be faithful to the call.

Presiding Bishop Blake has a serious agenda for the Church, and informed the saints during the 7:00 p.m. celebration of the need for everyone to report. He cited the continued misery of the

saints in Haiti and that other areas of missions depend upon the Loyalty Reports. "There are church buildings in Haiti that have been destroyed. I am planning an effort for their possible reconstruction. Of course, a partnership of American congregations would be necessary for comprehensive reconstruction. Our goal is to make the situation better for those who suffered such a burden." Presiding Bishop Blake's eloquent appeal was met with applause. More than a million dollars have been given for the Haiti project alone. The Church Of God In Christ is on the cutting edge of missions in Haiti.

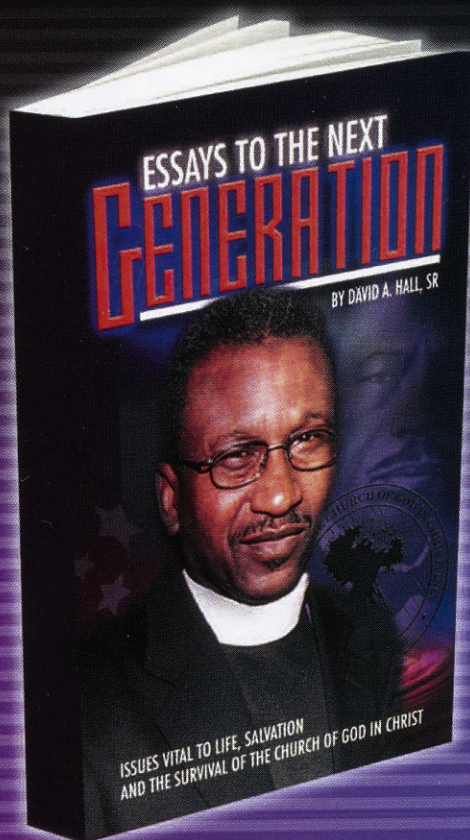
The entire day was spent remembering the past, but most importantly, shaping the legacy for our future. No people can move forward without planning, financing and stewardship of people, resources and money. When these are applied to the ministry, the potential of great things happening is certain. The Church Of God In Christ's leadership is aware that strategies need financing, and no one should underestimate what small contributions can mean. At the end of the evening, it was apparent that the goals had not been reached, but the leaders asked prayerfully for commitment from those in the rank and file of Church membership to be faithful and pay the Lay Report. Certainly, every conscientious person would have incentive to comply. ☛

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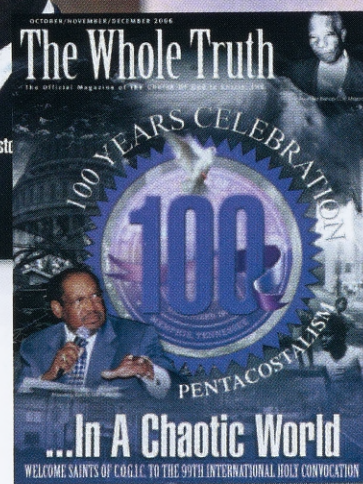
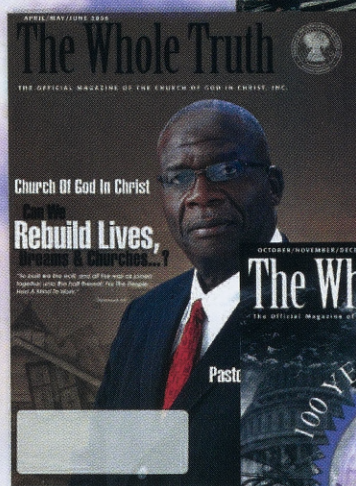
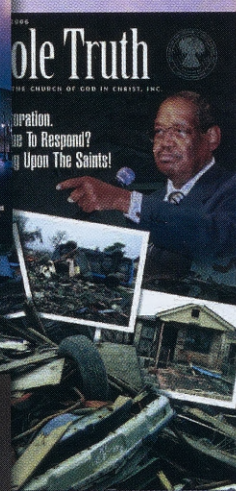
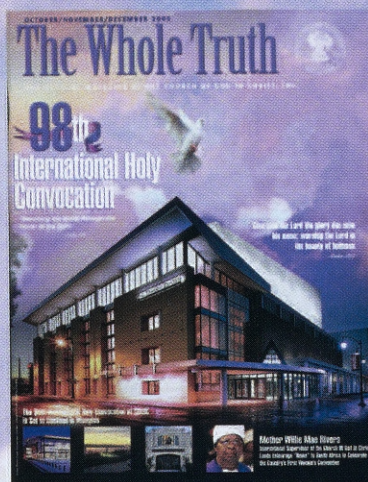
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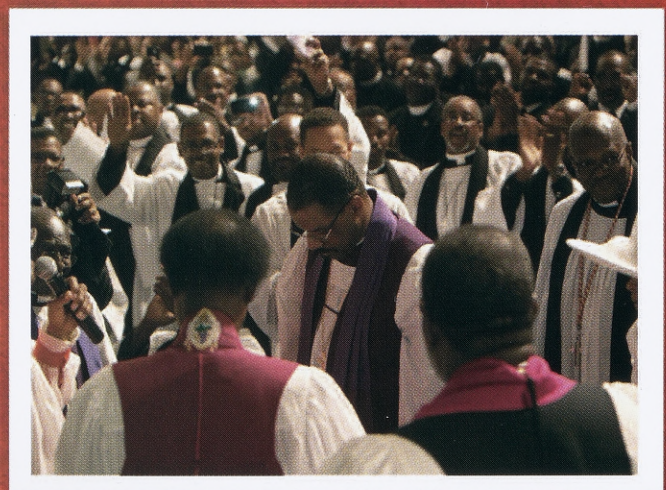
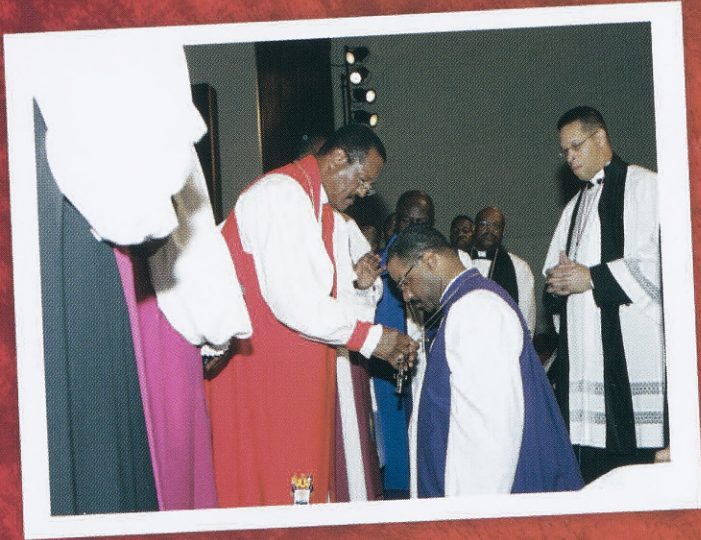


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Bishop J. Drew Sheard





...if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. I Timothy 3:1

Sunday, August 29, 2010, marked a new chapter and a place in history for the Superintendent John Drew Sheard and the North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan, as he was consecrated to the rank of bishop. This statement is truly a testimony of Bishop Sheard who has worked in many capacities throughout his spiritual career. Here is another testament, as the Establishmentarian of North Central Jurisdiction, Bishop H. J. Williams, heard from God and officially passed the mantle to his son in the gospel, Bishop J. Drew Sheard.

"You don't have to wait for someone to die, to be elevated."

There were two wonderful days of celebration. The first day began at Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church Of God In Christ, in Detroit, Michigan at approximately 6 p.m. It was a sight to see as the Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, The Most Reverend, Bishop Charles Edward Blake, the General Board, College of Bishops, visiting Bishops, and the men of North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction were robed in their "Class A" attire. The General Supervisor of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, the Jurisdictional Supervisor of North Central, Mother Corene Wade-Adams were dressed in their white official garments. Also, Bishop Sheard's lovely wife, Karen Clark-Sheard, and his mother, Willie Mae Sheard sat out front dressed in beautiful outfits. In addition, there were hundreds of missionaries attired in their white also. The choir, women in white and men in black, sang sacred melodies throughout the service including: *"Holy, Holy, Holy,"* and also *"If You Wait On the Lord"* lead by Bishop Sheard and First Lady Sheard's lovely daughter, Kierra Sheard. As the service proceeded, Bishop Charles E. Blake expounded the Word of God, coming from the book of Ester, titled: *"How to Stay on Top."*

Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr. served as Chief Consecrator, along with the General Board and the College of Bishops assisting. Bishop John Henry Sheard, the father of Bishop J. Drew Sheard, and Bishop H. J. Williams, Establishmentarian of North Central

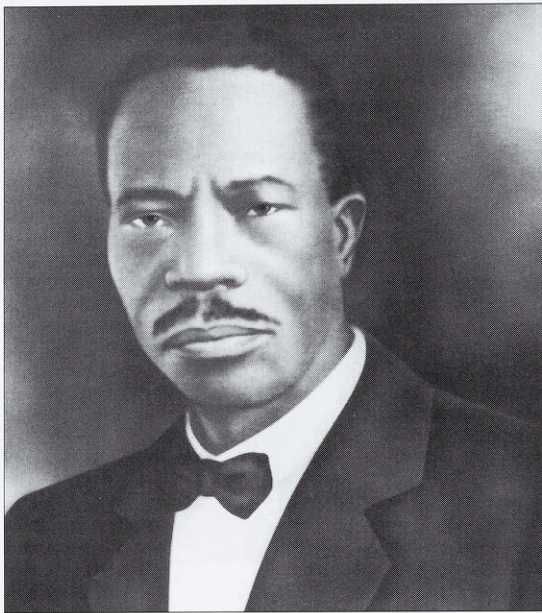
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, shared in this momentous occasion by participating in the vesting of J. Drew Sheard. Each article that was placed on Bishop Sheard had significance. From his purple cassock (*a robe that is a symbol of servant hood*), his cincture (*the garment and symbol of Christ*), his pectoral cross (*a gold cross hung about the Bishops neck symbolizing his imprisonment for Christ*), to the ring put on his finger (*a symbol of priestly authority*), were just some of the vestments placed on him. Bishop Sheard made the oath of Bishop, and the Presiding Bishop, General Board, and the College of Bishops prayed for him. Bishop John Henry Sheard then dismissed the service.

On day two, many gathered together to celebrate God's appointed leader for such a time as this. The Inaugural Celebration Banquet took place at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. As the guest entered the Banquet Ballroom, it was an elegant setting of purple, white, and gold draperies on the tables and chairs. The celebration began with an instrumental prelude performed by the Detroit Symphony Chamber Orchestra. As they played, the dais guests were seated, after which, the entrance of the honorees, Bishop John Drew Sheard, and Evangelist Karen Clark-Sheard.

Next, the Invocation, "The Lord's Prayer," played by the Detroit Symphony Chamber Orchestra, and scriptures were rendered. The Honorable E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Judge, 36th District Court, gave the occasion. Prominent leaders such as; Bishop Liston Page, Jr., Bishop Andrew Merrit, and Bishop-Elect Marvin L. Winans, gave acknowledgements. Tributes by family, friends, and the local church were expressed. National Recording Artists, Benjamin "Be Be" Winans and Aretha Franklin ministered in song also.

Bishop Emeritus, Herbert J. Williams delivered the Inaugural Address Titled: *"Today is the Tomorrow we talked about Yesterday,"* II Kings 7:1. After which, Bishop John Drew Sheard expressed his thanks and then the benediction.

Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Chairman of the Auxiliaries In Ministries Convention, is the husband to Karen Clark-Sheard and together they have two children, Kierra Sheard and J. Drew Sheard II. ☪



On September 8, 2010, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., read a heart felt statement about his grandfather, Bishop C.H. Mason. It was a moving and revealing statement from a grandson who has shared his grandfather with the Church Of God In Christ and the world. This statement gave incite to the quality of the individual Bishop C.H. Mason was and it serves as a clarion statement about Bishop Mason's impact today upon the Church Of God In Christ. We thank Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr. for offering this brief and meaningful glance into the life of a man who touches each of us daily. The Editor.

My personal perspective about Bishop Charles Harrison Mason (Papa) is one born from total admiration and awe. He was my grandfather. My boyhood memories of this soft spoken, eclectic apostle of faith are influenced by the experiences we shared together. This kindly gentleman nestled me in his arms and taught me lessons of spiritual life and what it means to be a man. He was real, humane and deeply concerned about ministry as a whole, but in particular his heart was with the Church Of God In Christ he founded. The character of Bishop Mason can best be lauded today with the realization that Deacon John Lee, for whom we celebrate the dedication of the Lee Administration Building, was too, a simple and quiet man. Deacon Lee was not listed among the official Episcopal pioneers who helped dig out and forged the Church Of God In Christ. Deacon Lee, like Papa was a dedicated and unassuming individual. Deacon Lee worked for God. If it were not for the God within him, we would, possibly, never have appreciated him.

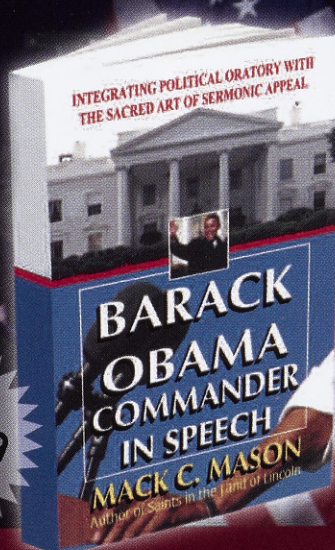
What made Bishop Mason so powerful was his faith in God and his ability to know that God determines the destiny of people. He touched thousands of disillusioned lives who had been incessantly told that they were worthless. Bishop Mason developed a Church where both the educated and less fortunate could meet and grow in faith and stature. He helped a whole generation rediscover that individual spirit and deep abiding faith in God were enough to break the barriers of racism, sexism and poverty. As with John Lee,

Bishop Mason made room for women when he elevated Mother Lizzie Robinson to a status never given a woman in a Black religious organization. As a result, thousands of girls and women have had an amazing transformation in their personal realities.

Bishop Mason's life and legacy can be measured in the fruit of the saint's harvest. We are beneficiaries of his teachings and commitments. His qualities are exemplified in our lives, and our testimonies remain a personal tribute to him. I, for one, am glad to be his grandson and to carry the brand of holiness Pentecostalism. We have grown in organization, sophistication and numerical size. Underneath it all, we are children of Bishop C.H. Mason and are responsible for the continuous shaping of the lives and experiences of future generations. May we continue to be faithful to his example of faith. Bishop Mason's faith was holistic and responsible for life being at peace with nature and spirit without conflict. Holiness is more than reconciliation with God. It is about our need and desire to celebrate the glory of God in our lives.

What can I offer to transcend this moment and lay the next level of applied faith? It resonates in my mind and spirit the soft and prophetic voice of the "Sage in Pentecost" saying, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" Hebrew 12:14 ☉

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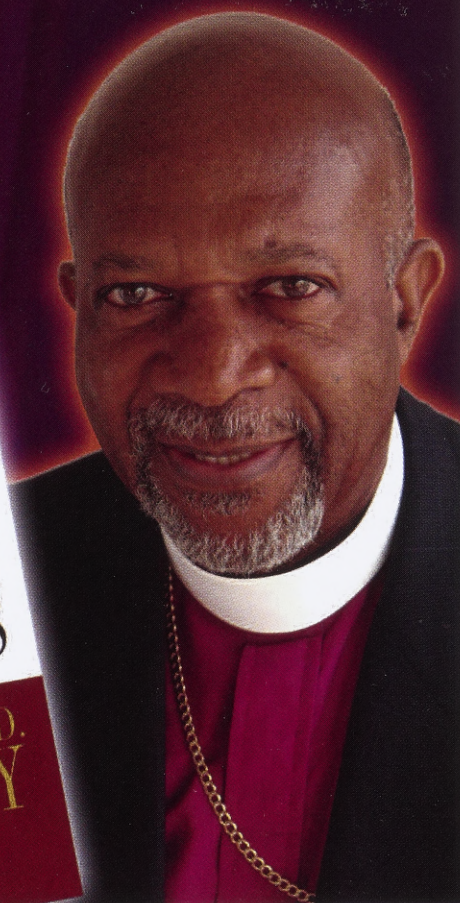
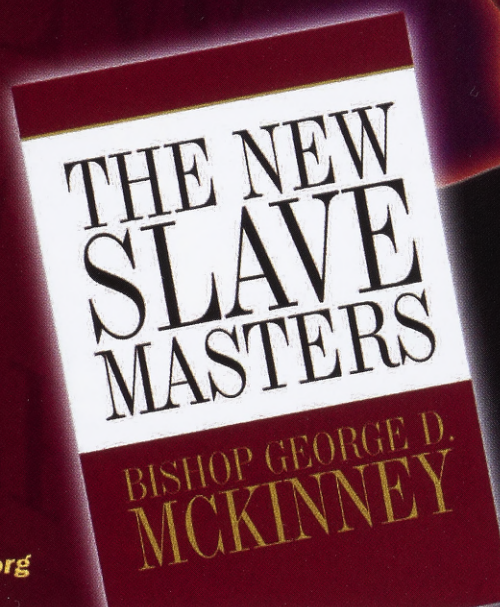


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Memphis Churches Receive Award



L. to R. - Bishop Frank White, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Elder Lee Ward, Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and Bishop J.W. Macklin.

Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the General Board honored COGIC congregations that were founded, or supported the ministry of the founder, Bishop Charles H. Mason. Bishop Mason preached and labored in the West Tennessee area years before the 1907 reorganization of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Mason headquartered his fledgling ministry in Lexington, Mississippi in 1897. Pastors C. H. Mason and C. P. Jones were inspired to preach holiness/sanctification and God blessed their rural mission. Their desire to receive of God everything the Christian needed inspired them to inquire about the second act of grace, and eventually to travel to the Azusa Street Revival being conducted in Los Angeles, CA. Bishop Mason attended the revival and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The rest of his story is modern Church history.

Bishop Mason conducted his first Holy Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee in 1907. People don't often think about how he underwrote the cost and secured quarters for the initial Holy Convocation. It was in Memphis that a small independent congregation, the South Fort Pickering Church supported him by permitting him usage of their building. Bishop Mason had been preaching on and off for years in the Memphis area. The South Fort Pickering congregation, though independent, believed in his ministry. Bishop Mason developed a small following of people who enjoyed his doctrine and were thrilled with his prophetic

utterances. The anointed preaching and worship created a loyal following who embraced Bishop Mason after his Holy Ghost experience in Los Angeles. Some of these people became members of the Temple Church Of God In Christ, first located on Wellington, then relocated on Lauderdale Street.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010, the General Church Of God In Christ recognized the two congregations that were instrumental in the earliest development of the Church in the Memphis area. South Fort Pickering later joined Bishop Mason in the Church Of God In Christ as a member church in the organization. The Temple Church Of God In Christ was the bedrock of support for the National Headquarters. It was at the 672 S. Lauderdale address that Bishop Mason conducted the Holy Convocation before Mason Temple was built. In subsequent years, both congregations have flourished. South Fort Pickering is now Greater Harvest Church Of God In Christ. The congregation is more than a thousand member strong and situated in a lovely edifice. The Pastor, Elder Lee Ward, is a veteran pastor with a leading ministry. He has a dynamic ministry and is the mentor of many sons in the ministry. Temple Church Of God In Christ is on the forefront of social and community ministry. The membership of Temple is about four hundred strong. Dr. David A. Hall, Sr. is the Pastor and the church is embarking on a major building project in senior housing. ☺



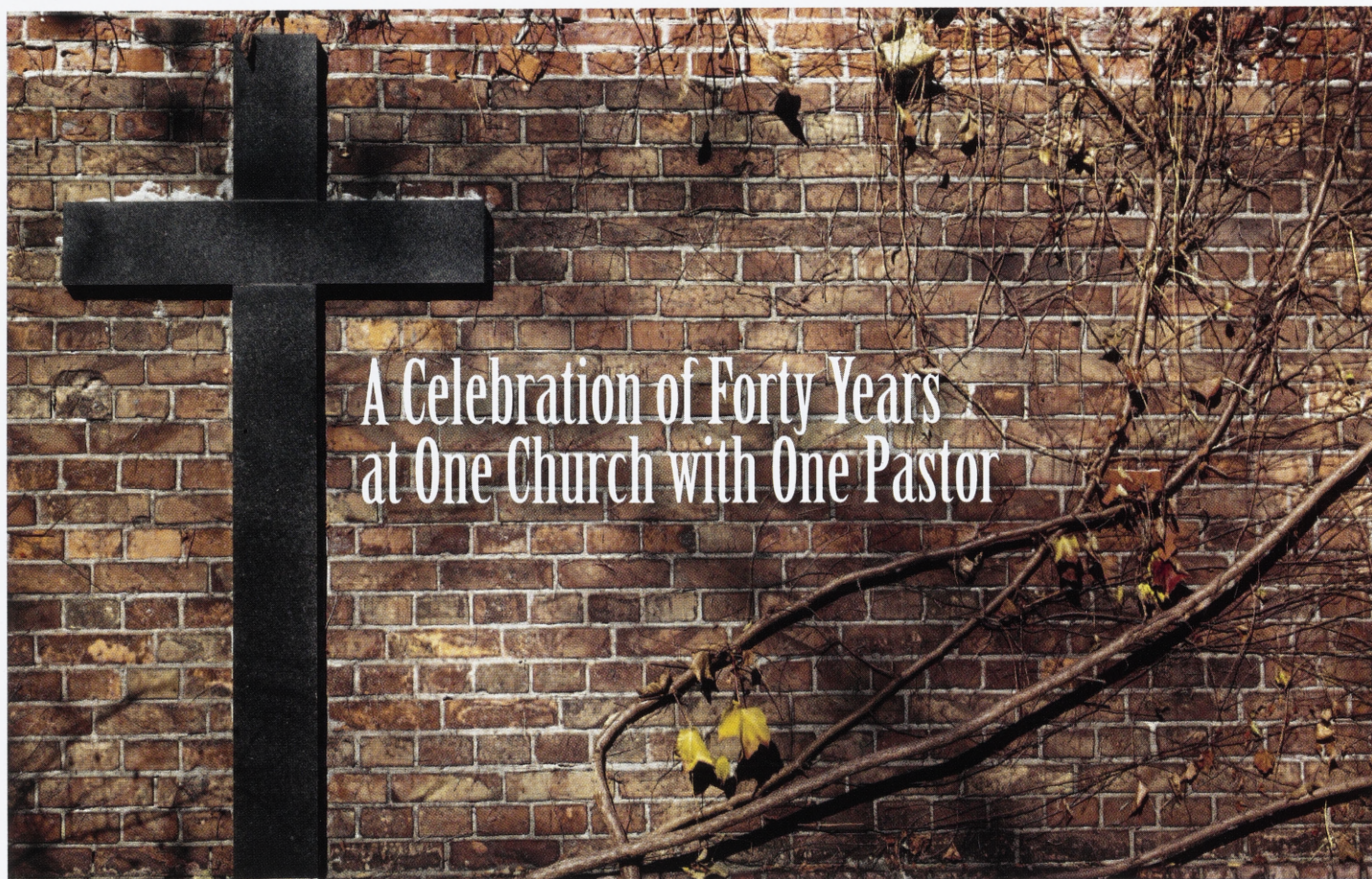
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A Celebration of Forty Years at One Church with One Pastor

Mother Sarah Macklin, a faithful church member for the past 40 years at Detroit's New St. Paul Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ, loves her church. She loves her pastor, and she loves people in general. It was that "Love" that drove Sarah to do the unimaginable one recent Sunday afternoon.

It was August 30, 1970 when Sarah gave her life to the Lord and began working in His vineyard at New St. Paul Tabernacle under the pastorate of the Reverend (Bishop) P.A. Brooks. She is the only member of her natural family that attends the church since her husband passed several years ago.

Once upon a time Mother Sarah Macklin sang in the choir and served on the Pastor's Aide which means that she has spent some time in the kitchen. "I can't even tell you how many pots of greens I've cooked in that kitchen", she said. Over the years she has supported the ministry in every way possible. She spent 20 years of her church membership serving on the Nurse's Guild.

Like Dorcas in the Bible, Sarah Macklin is a true Christian woman, a philanthropist. This woman is full of good works and almsdeeds.

As the anniversary of her 40 years of salvation neared, Mother Macklin approached the pastor and joyfully said to him that she wanted to "feed the people." "In August, I will be celebrating my 40th Anniversary. I'll be saved 40 years come August, and a member of this church all that time. I want to celebrate," she proclaimed. So, on Sunday, August 15, 2010, she did just that.

Mother Sarah Macklin, a widow who was a kidney transplant patient in December 2004 did what no other member has ever done before. She fed the people at her own expense.

Amazed at what was taking place right in front of his eyes, Bishop Brooks, the founder and pastor of New St. Paul Tabernacle, said "in the 57 years of our church's history I have never seen anybody do what Sarah Macklin just did."

Mother Macklin purchased and cooked all of the food. She cooked or purchased cakes, and she invited the entire church body to come and celebrate with her. She did not celebrate to receive, but she celebrated by giving. Not only did she feed the people that were present, there was such an abundance that she sent people away with plates, and plates of food to minister to family members that could not attend, and then delivered food to the senior citizens of the church's 57 unit Faith Manor Senior Housing Complex. And...to put the icing on the cake, to the surprise of the Bishop, Mother Macklin gave a donation to the church for allowing her to use the facility.

In case you are wondering, no, she did not experience a financial windfall. She was inspired by love to do good unto others. Sarah Macklin said "I wanted to get the family together and feed the people. I like to make people happy." Like Dorcas, *she did!* ☺

"Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Acts 9:36

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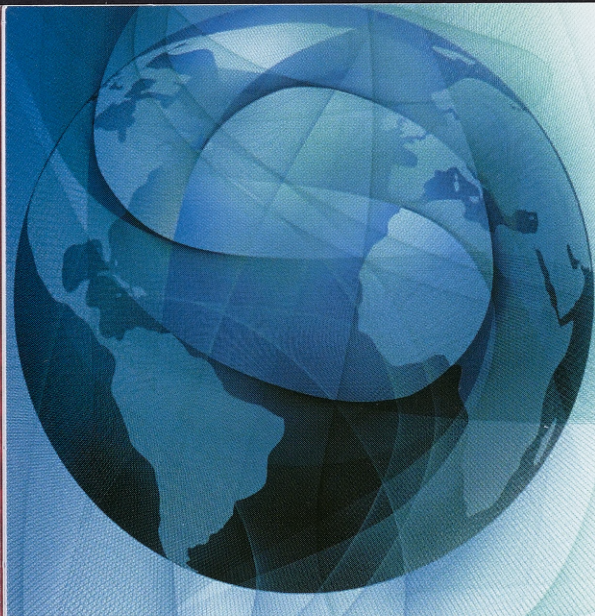
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News from Across the Brotherhood

Supervisor Emma Rose Sanders Returns from Mission to Church Of God In Christ Haitians in the Village of Lartibonite Indianapolis-- Mother Emma Sanders, Supervisor of Liberia and the 4th Ecclesiastical Indiana North Central Jurisdiction (Bishop Donald Alford, Prelate) has traveled to Haiti since 1999 when Mother Mary Beth Kennedy introduced her to the country. On her July 2010, trip she returned to Lartibonite, a village not far from Port au Prince, where she was the first missionary to visit the Church Of God In Christ there. She came equipped to keep the promise she made in January: that a van would be purchased and new church benches and pulpit seating for the pastor and pulpit would be sent. Staying in the home of Pastor Norel Norelus, Mother Sanders along with her interpreter Cephus Nurelus and Antoinette Gilder one of the aspiring missionaries of Indiana conducted clinics and a feeding program. "They had a problem with the benches and they were using them between the school and the church. It was very uncomfortable in service but the church was full. They had one broken down truck with nothing inside. The bed separated from the cab while I was there," she said. When she shared the plight of their COGIC brothers and sisters with her husband, Supt. Charles Sanders, Pastor of the Freedom Temple COGIC that she wished to purchase the church's older van the trustee board volunteered to donate the 1997 van to the cause. "The Lord blessed us with nonperishables and other needed items. Radio Personality Shane Williams of WUBS asked me what he could do. He put it out there and about 2-3 weeks later they brought down a U-Haul full of stuff. My church pitched in and we shipped the van and shipped a 40 foot container with 100, fifty pound bags of rice and 25 boxes of twenty five pounds of rice, and canned meat. Antoinette Holt, Director of the Indiana Department of Minority Health, gave us two pallets of baby food because when I went in January, I found babies whose mothers had died in the earthquake and they needed food. They also gave formula. We were able to send regular powdered milk, liquid milk that you don't have to refrigerate, and bottled water."

Mother Sanders and her team of volunteers served the village for five days from 5:30 a.m. until nightfall and experienced some nerve wrecking moments. They observed United Nations trucks being mobbed when they arrived bringing water. Mother Sanders gave the teachers their salary in food but was threatened when some individuals felt the food was about to run out. "We are so blessed," she said. "Most of the people in the village only eat three meals a week. They come to the pastor's house to eat every day and every night. They cook outside and the people bring their own pans or whatever they are going to eat with. The pastor is taking care of the community." The team served 21 pastors who came to the village. "We gave food and clothes. I left food for what they call the mountain pastors, as it takes them at least two days to come down."

Although it wasn't the rainy season, the house they lived in was surrounded by ditches of standing water and what seemed like blankets of mosquitoes, were thick. "We had repellant and I sprayed my bed and everything else. The fleas bit me on my arms, back and the sole of my feet. When I got on the plane I knew something was wrong." Upon her return stateside her physician confirmed her suspicions that she had contracted dengue fever.

Mother Sanders requests that the saints help the people of Lartibonite with clothing. "We are going to send clothing to the Church Of God In Christ orphanage in Haiti where we have twenty-eight girls from ages 3-11 whose clothing is inadequate. It is my hope that building the orphanage becomes a priority, even rebuilding the C.H. Mason School because the area the girls are living in is unsafe above the school." The Church Of God In Christ also does not have music and they are asking for drums and instruments. "Both in Haiti and Liberia the Church Of God In Christ pastors and leaders long for more of the officials to come and visit them. If you need more information contact Mother Emma Rose Sanders at 317.823.8446 or 317.652.5957.

First Annual

Saints Academy and Junior College Reunion

Lexington, MS—Many of the leaders of the Church Of God In Christ matriculated through the church's premier educational facility beginning in the 1920s. With Dr. Arenia Mallory at its helm the school's educational prowess became known throughout Mississippi, the South and all the way to Washington, D.C. The first Saints Reunion and Conference was held August 5-7, 2010 with alumni and General Board Member, the Honorable Bishop J. Neaul Haynes served as Honorary Chair. The event, held both in Lexington and Jackson opened with a beautiful welcome reception with a Black Tie Dinner held at the Hilton Jackson Hotel where two hundred and fifty guests from around the country attended. The Dr. Arenia Mallory Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Nathaniel Stampley and Bishop Yvette Slunder and the Bishop L.H. Ford Award was presented to Bishop J. Neaul Haynes. Coordinator Rev. Wilfred Moore stated that the conference was exciting and informative with guests having fellowship and catching up. "Saints produced outstanding alumni of which are the Church Of God In Christ and the world's greatest leaders. There were doctors, congressmen and women, PhDs, and pastors of mega churches" he said. For information about the Association or plan for next years' reunion please contact Rev. Wilfred Moore at 702.510.6193 or email pastorwmoore@abundantpeace.org.

Church Of God In Christ Grows in India

Tamilnadu, India—Dr. Bevin Lawrence, Overseer of India III Jurisdiction reports the following:

Praise God for the grace of God upon the churches, pastors, their families and the church members of our Jurisdiction. God enabled us to grow and helped us to enlarge the territory. There has been a steadfast increase in the number of believers in each church. The membership of the churches has increased along with the number of churches. We have 93 churches at present. It is our faith that the number of churches will increase to 100 by the end of December 2010. The Jurisdiction had 9 districts with District Superintendents in each district. For the administrative convenience, the Executive Council decided to have two more Districts and to appoint two District Superintendents. So now we have 11 districts under our Jurisdiction.

The Orphanage Home situated at the COGIC India III Headquarters is running smoothly by the grace of God. Free accommodation, food, healthcare and education are provided to 73 kids at present. There are 44 girl kids and 29 boy kids in the Home. Two girls are going to be graduated from the Higher Secondary School (XII Grade) in June 2011. Please pray for their future. The kids in the 'Home' are given special training in Boat Rowing, Computer, dancing, sports and games. We had a special retreat for the children in the first week of September. Fifty kids were anointed by the Holy Spirit during these meetings.

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Off the Shelf

Church Of God In Christ writers, musicians and vocalists are diverse and creative in getting their message, across in prose and words set to music. The Whole Truth continues to celebrate some of our best. The end of the year finds a plethora of offerings, especially CDs, from our church's artists.

Speaking of the paradox of life a philosopher once said the lesson of history is that we never learn the lessons of history. In **Life Lessons from Judge Mablean, Tools for Weekly Living** the former NBC Divorce Court star offers nuggets of wisdom that the reader can think about and learn from. She framed the book as an easy read, she is open and transparent and if the reader opens his or her mind to the wisdom, they do not have to give credence to that saw. The 52 Lessons for Weekly Living offer a sometimes comically but always very serious look at how both young and old can maneuver through life's pitfalls. Judge Ephriam cautions young women to beware of giving their bodies away because as in her case she confused lust with love. As I read through the book I could hear her sharp wit as she encouraged the young to be the kind of person you wish to attract as opposed to trying to find that individual, or her firm but compassionate voice in sharing the dangers of physical and psychological abuse from her own personal story. Whether she holds court on domestic violence or finding a job, this funny, witty, intelligent and down to earth book is a must read. Contact her at askjudgemablean@aol.com or Princess.sykes@sbcglobal.net.

Bishop Lorenzo L. Kelley's memoir describes a sudden medical crisis and the results of God's miraculous healing power. In **Alive Again** you will not only read of Mother Evelyn Kelley's steadfast labor in prayer after her husband suffered and underwent emergency surgery due to the aneurysm of the thoracic aorta but the Bishop tells how his life was forever changed when he actually met the Risen Lord. More than once! *I remember one time, he says, the Lord came into my room. HE took me back to the...Holy Convocation of 2005 in Memphis. My spirit was outside of my body. We were up in the ceiling inside Cook Convention Center on the left side facing the audience looking down upon the people. HE told me to "look" and as I looked the worship service was going on but people were eating, walking, talking on cell phone,s but most were not worshipping...HE said Bishop Patterson and Mother Rivers and the Saints come here and pray over the weekend before Convocation and they ask me to come, and...I come! And then HE said, "I leave because I'm looking for them to worship me..."*

To read of other visits from the Lord and what He left Bishop Kelley on earth to convey to His saints contact the South Dakota Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Headquarters Office at 605.342.4448 or email: bishopkelly@faithtemple-cogic.org.

Dr. Moses Tyson assembled a great cast for his **Tribute to Bishop G.E. Patterson** recorded live in Memphis. Gospel legends Rance Allen, Marvin Winans, Dottie Peoples, and Beverly Crawford join Pastor Willie James Campbell, Bishop Darrell Hines, Bishop Walter Hawkins and indeed Maestro Tyson himself, in rendering

some of the outstanding songs of the faith. This Deluxe Edition features three discs. To purchase please contact mostestysonjr@yahoo.com

Vernon Oliver Price began singing at an early age and has blessed the world with her singing for over 78 years. Whether singing under the anointing at a Church Of God In Christ convention or rendering service in her local setting, you know you will leave blessed after she sings the last verse. I don't know why we are just now getting an opportunity to listen to her at our leisure, but after years of labor, she finally consented and the world is the better for it. Her freshman CD offering is entitled "**Thank You Lord**" and the second track is **He Touched Me**. To purchase a CD or for bookings contact Vernon Oliver Price, c/o L Price Records, PO Box 56383, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, 818-904-0292 818-780-2102 (FAX), LPConcert@aol.com

Ambassador Michael McCurtis' new CD from the Nation of Brazil presents COGIC All Over the World is *sweeeeet!* Really. It's anointed and the bonus is he coordinated United States and Brazilian vocalists, musicians and technicians. *I Thank You Lord* is rendered in English and Portuguese. I don't understand Portuguese, but I do understand the Spirit who sang through these vessels. Tracks like **If You're Bound Tonight Don't Blame it on Jesus** are fun to, listen to but make you think. I know Bishop Samuel Moore, who's been working in Brazil for many, many years, and Mother Lee Van Zandt (who breaks off a little bit with her testimony on **Wonderful Day**) are especially proud of this project. Also, a portion of the proceeds go to the Brazilian Church Of God In Christ. Contact brasimerica@yahoo.com; (213) 427-4919

As we used to say back in the day, Navelle Harris has some smooth jams on **Live, Love, Everyday**, just check out *All in Him*. But he has something for everything. On the medley *Church in the Living Room*, he goes old school with *Ninety-nine and a Half Won't Do*, *I'm a Soldier and Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus* and *Just Because You're God* takes you right into worship. Contact him at (253) 627-1615

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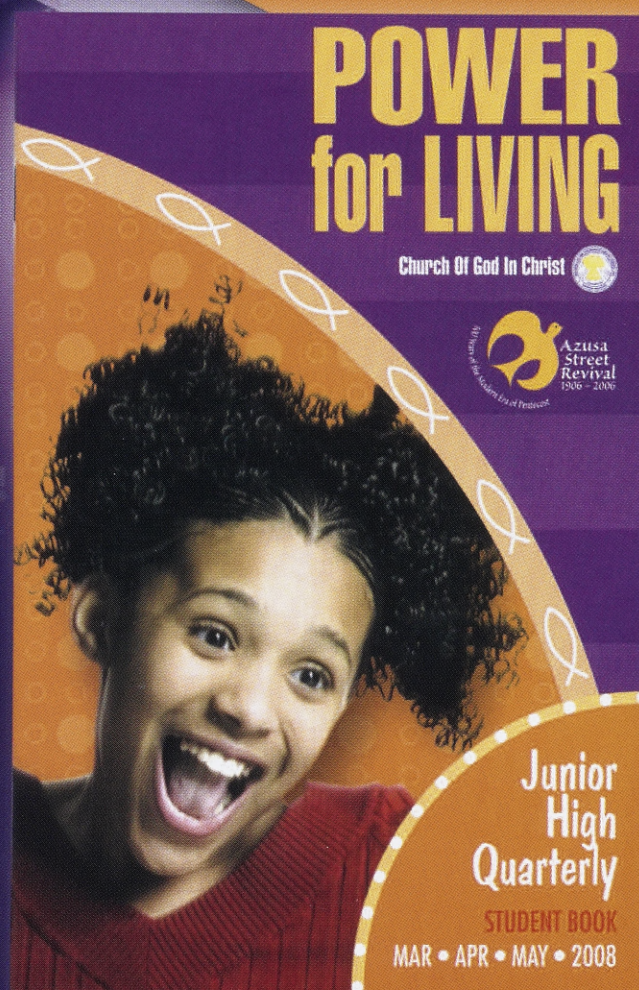
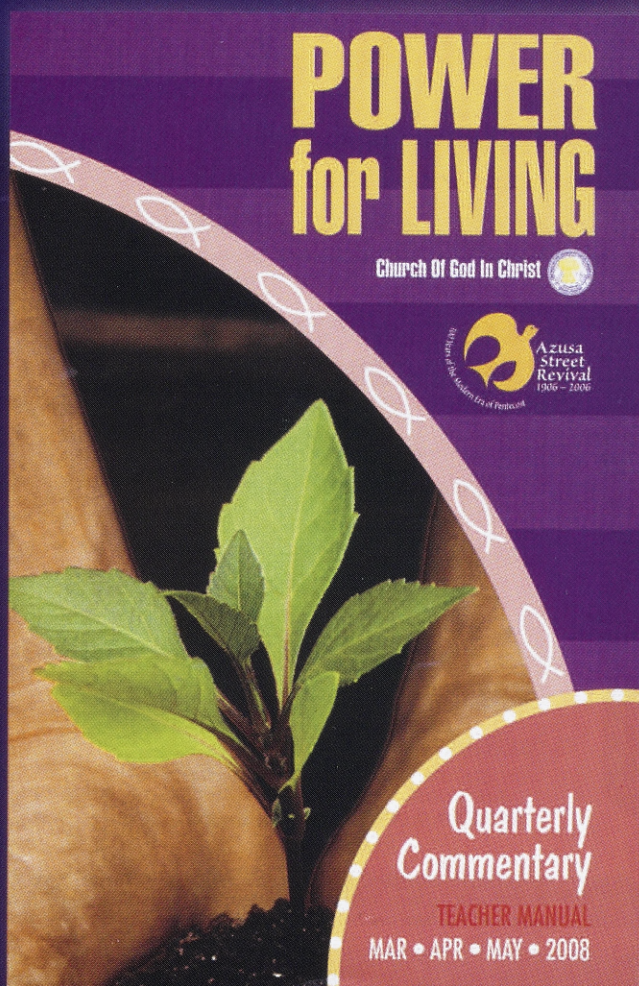
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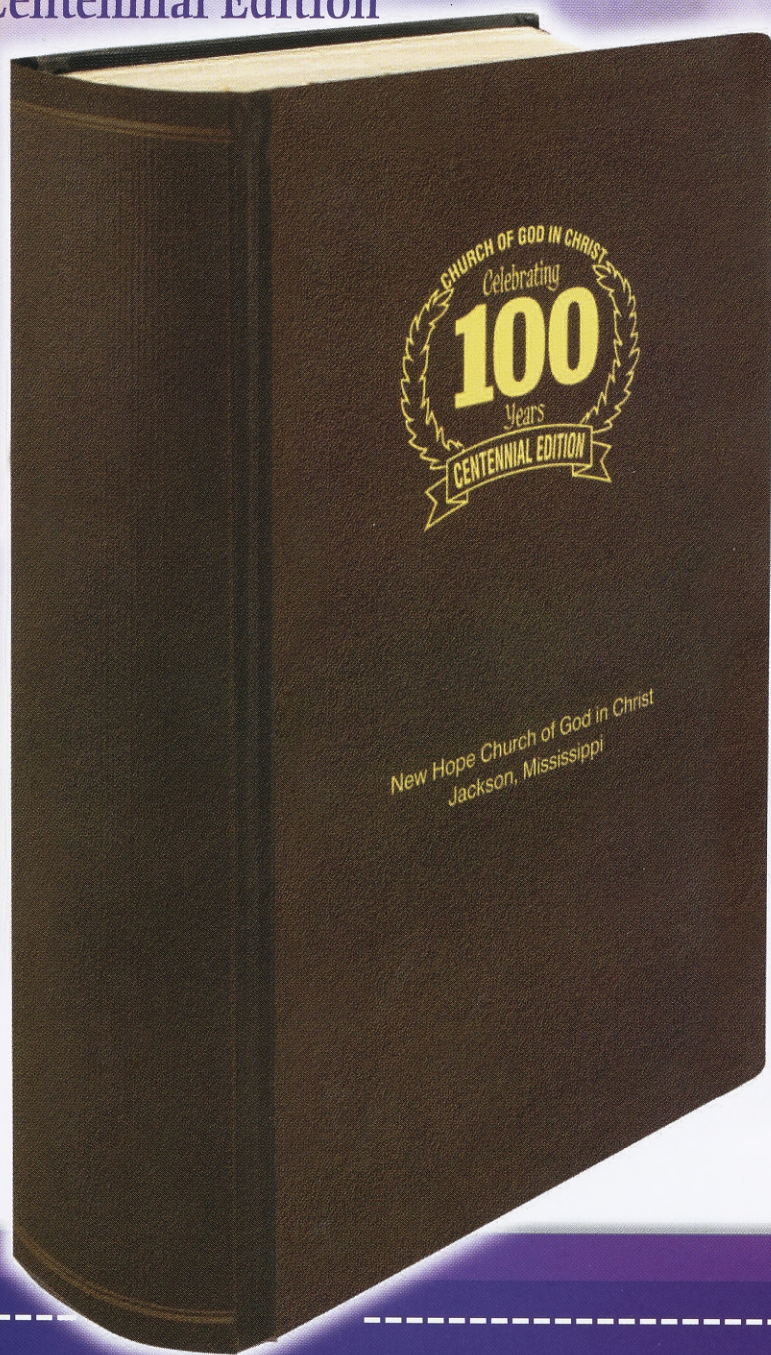
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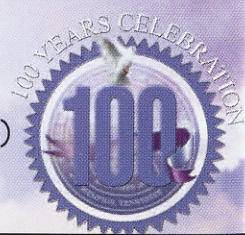
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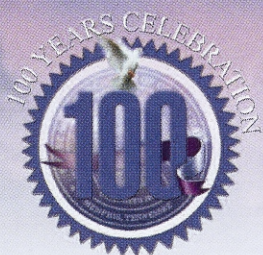
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Elder Charles H.M. Patterson discusses photo of the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. with Bishops Blake, Brooks and Ford.



Among attendees were Sister Louise Patterson and members of the Mason family.



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Mayor Robbin McCorey of Lexington, Mississippi spoke during the dedication.


Memphis, Tennessee—The Church Of God In Christ conducted the 2010 Founder's Day Celebration on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. The event was conducted in two venues, at the Downtown Memphis Marriott Hotel and on the campus of Mason Temple. The event was cast as a time for "Honoring the Life and Legacy of Bishop Charles Harrison Mason and the dedication of the John Lee Administrative Headquarters Building. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the General Board planned the activities with support of the area bishops. Bishop Sedgwick Daniels was the Committee Chairman for the event and the Chairman of the Renovations Committee. He wore both committee chair hats well and everyone's combined efforts proved successful.

The day began at the Marriott Hotel. The Founder's Day Committee conducted the COGIC leadership Empowerment Symposium and Luncheon. The time was spent examining the historic involvement of women in ministry and speaking about the founder's collaborative and inclusive mission. Speakers from across the length and breadth of the Church spoke about the visionary leadership of Bishop Mason and early Church leaders. Among the names lifted up were early church pioneers like Bishop C. H. Mason, Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr., Bishop A. B. McEwen, Mother Lizzie Robinson, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey and many others in the Church Of God In Christ history.

The saints were greeted by children from the Church Of God In Christ School located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sister Hattie Daniels brought youth who epitomized class and potential. They were uniformly dressed and spoke so well, that every encounter was a delight. The youth served as host and hostess for the occasion.

The speakers at the Leadership Empowerment Symposium and Luncheon were Bishop Samuel Iglehart, Bishop Edward Robinson and Bishop Chandler D. Owens. They spoke about "Our Faith Focus - the COGIC Impact." Bishop Jewel Withers, Bishop Martin Luther Johnson and Bishop Nathaniel Wells were scheduled to speak on "Our Cultural Heritage - the COGIC Presence." The final emphasis was on Superintendent Matthew Brown, Bishop Donald Alford and Bishop Jerry Macklin as they offered words on "Our Pursuit for Excellence through Biblical Principles - the COGIC Potential."

Lunch was served. The overflow crowd enjoyed music and fellowship, and a word from the Presiding Bishop. There was an estimated 500 persons in the room and no available seats. The luncheon was only the first activity of the Day. Later that evening, the saints gathered on the campus of Mason Temple to dedicate the renovated John Lee Administrative Headquarters Building.☺



Ohio Northwest Celebrates 50 Years of Service to God and Humanity With a Legacy of Integrity

By Glenda Williams Goodson

The chief aspirations of committed Christians are to win, nurture and develop souls. Indeed, in the 21st century society looks to men and women of high standards and tenacity to lead. And in the frustration (read Tea Party) resulting from chaotic economic, religious, and cultural upheavals, spiritual leaders must understand that they are especially fundamental to the stabilization of America. Ohio Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction has been tremendously blessed with such leaders. Being ushered into the spacious office of Ohio Northwest Jurisdictional Prelate Bishop Clifford L. Kimbrough, one observes rich mahogany bookcases with matching conference table and chairs. The stately leader towers with dignity into the room and sits behind his polished desk. The perception that comes to mind is, this is a place where COGIC leaders are poised to make a tremendous difference in our world. A man of tremendous intelligence, drive and pragmatism, Bishop Kimbrough is thoughtful. Proud of the Jurisdiction's heritage, his vision is to continue the legacy of Bishop Mack Jonas and Bishop Robert L. Chapman and expand to reach new vistas in ministry.

The Ohioan saints have always had a mind to serve, sometimes as unsung heroes. The work of Bishop Jonas goes back to 1917 with the Jurisdiction being established in 1962 amid a legacy of greatness:

- Cited as the first Black to receive salvation at the Azusa Street Revival on April 12, 1906 he was one of the first blacks to receive the Holy Ghost on June 29, 1906. One of his duties was to meet, greet and transport those arriving at Azusa including Elders Mason, J.A. Jeter and D.J. Young. Ordained in 1909 by Bishop Mason, on December 16, 1917 Elder Jonas established Ohio's first Church Of God In Christ in Cleveland. He started holiness in West Virginia and the Church Of God In Christ there in 1921. He was the first overseer in Michigan from 1923-1924 and served as Overseer in Alabama and the historical jurisdiction in Georgia. Under his administration by 1931 the Church Of God In Christ in Ohio grew from 9 members to 28 churches and missions. In 1932 Overseer Jonas

resigned in favor of Bishop Riley Williams serving faithfully under the leadership of Bishops Williams and U.E. Miller for 31 years. In 1962, he was appointed Jurisdictional Prelate of the Ohio Northwest Jurisdiction.

Reflecting on his predecessors, Bishop Kimbrough conceded that some things come about in a circuitous manner. While some may jostle for advantage, many times an individual's love for God and their work jettison them into greatness. "I never desired to be a bishop," he said with a smile and continued. "[I] served my leader because I loved him. When [Bishop Chapman expressed] his mind my response was all I wanted to do is advance our jurisdiction." Jurisdictional Supervisor Mother Ellen Pettigrew echoed her Bishop's thinking. "When there is a need, all people of good will stand to the task," she explained, with her beautiful eyes twinkling as she recalled her own legacy in the church. Bishop Kimbrough speaks appreciatively of his Supervisor. "She's 93 years old and has served over 30 years. When I became the Jurisdictional Bishop [she told me that] if I wanted to replace her, that wouldn't be a problem. I was not about to do that! Under her leadership, the Department of Women has been tremendously blessed. She's a little feeble but...as long as she's on this planet she will be our Supervisor." Mother Pettigrew has worked diligently throughout her saved life which began at age 7 at the Old Marion Baptist Church. After completing school, she married John Pettigrew in 1934 and in 1937 was filled with the Holy Ghost. Called to the ministry, she was faithful in Prayer and Bible Band at Reeds COGIC staying close to her Pastor Elder Robert Field, her Church Mother Allen and Mother Annie Pettigrew. She also received golden nuggets while serving under the leadership of Bishop Riley F. Williams. After the family moved to Cleveland in 1942 she pursued higher education and served in many areas of her local church. As a Licensed Evangelist, she conducted revivals in and out of the state under Mother Lola Young and Bishop Williams where many souls were drawn to Christ. In 1969 after the death of Mother Linton, Bishop Jonas appointed her State Supervisor. One of the accomplishments she is most proud of is the opening of a Hunger Center to feed the less fortunate at the St. Robert's COGIC.

After the Homegoing of Bishop Jonas in 1973, Bishop Robert L. Chapman was appointed. "He knew no stranger," said Jurisdictional Adjutant Elder Steven Lott. In the 1940s, Brother Chapman, a Medic, traveled to his first National Holy Convocation with nineteen other soldiers from Camp Crowder, Missouri. On Official Day as Bishop Mason walked through Mason Temple laying hands on the saints, he silently wished to be blessed. "About half an hour later, I saw him walking across the front section of the balcony. He turned, marched to where I was, tapped me and immediately I stood up. He took my chair and carried it down to the front of the balcony and told me to sit there." It was the highlight of the meeting for him! Although

he matriculated through many schools and colleges (Business Administration Degree, Case Western; Mary F. Beach School of the Bible, Malone Bible College; Honorary Doctorate) he served where he could. Called to preach in 1953, he was ordained in 1957. After his first pastorates (Kent and later Ashtabula), the Lord led him back to Cleveland. He began a mission in 1966 and later developed it into a \$500,000 edifice. On a trip to Norfolk, VA, Bishop Jonas informed him that God had directed him to appoint him Assistant Bishop and bestow his official credentials in 1967. When the bishop became ill he continued to serve him with honor. Upon his demise, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. appointed Supt. Chapman Jurisdictional Prelate in 1974.

After providing further details about his predecessors, Bishop Kimbrough acquiesced in sharing his life story as the third in the historic line of Ohio Northwest leaders. He was saved in 1963, called into the ministry at age 16 and began preaching a year before serving in Vietnam. "I was licensed by Bishop Jonas in 1969 and had been ministering about a year." While in the military he was inspired to pursue higher religious training. "I met...young ministers...who were Apostolic, Baptist, Church Of God In Christ, Church Of God...most had formal religious or seminary training. I was ordained in 1975 and it took me about 10 years to get my theology degree due to lack of money," he laughed, "but...I was determined."

He started his first pastorate at the Reformed COGIC where he lived out his goals of charity, humbleness, faith and purity. "There are many opportunities for the adversary...Years building a ministry can be lost or destroyed in a couple of minutes because of what someone said." He encourages young ministers if at all possible to travel with their wives, especially on long trips. "She's my traveling buddy," he says fondly of Lady Loretta Kimbrough, his wife of 41 years, "and I don't like to go places without her. Every minister must protect himself." A quiet but powerful woman of sacrifice and wisdom, the ladies of her church and jurisdiction appreciate her counsel and advice. "She's always been very supportive. She never nagged or complained...because she understands that the call of God on my life is first and foremost." The couple's children, Clifford, Camon, Monica and Syvonne are sources of pride for the couple.

But even with the call of God and family support, initial bright vistas can become gloomy. "As anyone who believes that God has called them, my primary concern and motivation is to fulfill what God has for me to do. To have [godly] success everyone in ministry should understand that their calling should be primary. If there is no study, if there is no prayer life... [ministers] will not be as effective." Elder Kimbrough practiced what he preached, leading the

Reformed Church in spiritual and numerical growth. Speaking in a carefully measured tone he explained an incident he never expected to be involved in, "For three and one half years my family did what would have been impossible without commitment—we made the 120 mile trip from our home in Cleveland to Canton on Tuesdays, Fridays and all day Sundays." In 1980 he was met by the church's leadership team who gave him walking papers. Devastated, he met in person with the bishop for intervention. Bishop Chapman counseled him, it was his "baptism in the fire" and it was not to his advantage to lead in that negative environment. (That church no longer exists.) Afterward, he experienced roller coaster emotions of hurt, anger, defeat and discouragement and wondered if he had truly heard from the Lord, finally asking, "If it is Your will for me to pastor, I need you to open a door that I can afford." The Lord opened the door at 605 E. Tuscarawas St. in Canton and on July 12, 1981, the Community Life COGIC was established with his family and one niece. Emboldened, he conducted a two week revival. On the last night his father, Clifford Sr. was saved! Next his brother-in-law, John W. McIntyre was saved and the two became the first deacons. For 22 years he led the church to more accommodating locations as they grew. They purchased property at 1104 Walnut Avenue where he stayed until his elevation to the bishopric. In 1987 Supt. Kimbrough was appointed one of the Administrative Assistants. He moved up through the ranks as 2nd Administrative Assistant and in 1997 Administrative Assistant to the Bishop. On August 28, 2001, he was appointed Jurisdictional Prelate of Ohio Northwest by Presiding Bishop G.E. Patterson and also Pastor of the Jonas Temple COGIC, the Mother Church of Ohio. He says he was blessed with a jurisdiction of men in harmony with one another and who support him. "I am younger than most of the superintendents and pastors who are in their 70s...and I am humbled and honored the way they have accepted me."

Supporting education is one of the Bishop's passions. Ohio Northwest has embarked on creating a separate school of ministry, scheduled for a 2011 launch to train, develop and grow young people to become productive. "We are looking at distance learning. By making classes available online any individual in our jurisdiction will have access. "Believing he serves the greatest church in the world he acknowledges "we understand that the Church Of God In Christ was considered the greatest by many but a proliferation of ministries has copied our music and our structure. I believe in holiness and doctrine as it relates to holiness. At the same time, there's...competition...we must be innovative in how we present this beautiful gift that God gave to us." Innovation provides flexibility in doing ministry he says, "Our jurisdiction is located in all four extremes of Ohio [with some] traveling five hours to Cleveland for convocations and conventions. We centralized so that the maximum of our constituents, especially during winter when highways are very dangerous,

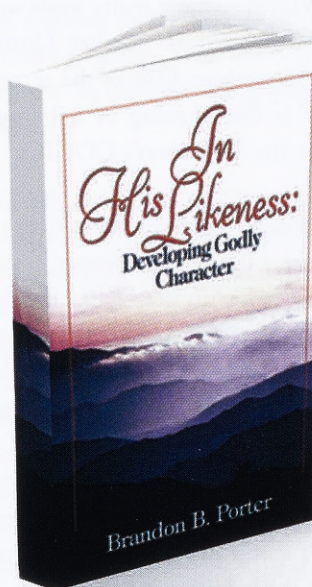
could attend." And combining the Women's Convention, AIM and Holy Convocation cuts down on expenses so that people who may not be able to afford it, has worked well for Ohio Northwest affording them opportunity to host Second Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry Macklin, International Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers and International Marshall Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis and other luminaries. Children are another passion. "I came up in the Youth Department and love children. We have to let them know...they don't have to sin to have fun [and] that an encounter with Him will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

Men and women become disillusioned with secular or societal leadership. It is important to point out that the work of the Church Of God In Christ in Ohio began with a man small in stature but a heart big with the love of God and humanity and has succeeded with like minded men and women. While visiting the Ohio Northwest Jurisdiction, the *Whole Truth* observed a steadily solid jurisdiction behaving as it should for 50 years. We salute the great Ohio Northwest Jurisdiction as you celebrate your 50th year of service to God and humanity. ☪

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Women of Faith Unite to Share Wisdom in Outstanding Women's Day Service

By Glenda Williams Goodson

General Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers consecrates new appointed Jurisdictional Supervisors.

If you ever wanted to know what can give women a sense of solidarity, take a look at the Church Of God In Christ (COGIC) Holy Convocation Women's Day Services. I'm not referring to thousands of sharp white outfits or their confident stride. I'm saying that no matter the venue, these sisters leave a legacy as they take care of business. As they march toward 2011 (100th Anniversary of the Department of Women), a diverse group—Laity, District Missionaries, Evangelists, Jurisdictional Supervisors, and National Leaders—met at the St. Louis America's Center to continue sharing faith, wisdom, bonding and joy.

Let me show you the heritage of genius found among the Department's leaders who learned early the wisdom of following leadership, the power of sisterly cooperation and how to utilize their unique giftings. The first *Overseer of Women*, Mother Lizzie Robinson, organized the Bible Bands into a mighty army of women who fanned out around the country publishing the gospel of Jesus Christ; World War II saw *The Dreamer*, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey, successfully formalize strategy to obtain a premier residence for retired workers and prior to establishing the Women's Int'l Convention (WIC) in 1950, worked diligently with Dr. Arenia Mallory to financially sustain Saints; building upon insights gained as a powerful street evangelist, Jurisdictional Supervisor and national worker Mother Annie Bailey gained fame as *The Darling of the Brotherhood* when she led the women in vigils as starkly opposing visions among leaders threatened to derail the church; *Ordained from her Mother's Womb*, during her administration Mother Mattie McGlothen further refined ways to maintain a unified integrity during complex, yet interesting times and caused foreign missions work to flourish; though her tenure was short lived (less than three years) the *Yellow Rose of Texas* Mother Emma Crouch shared valuable lessons to ensure that the next generation of leaders would move the work forward.

Now to one of the greatest leaders of the Department: *The Crusader* International Supervisor of Women Mother Willie Mae Rivers. It is all too easy to take the work of this unpretentious, self-effacing leader for granted. Yet it is a decided understatement to

say that she reinforces the work of the Presiding Bishop and the church through the Department of Women. Her work shouts throughout the world (she's traveled to more countries than any predecessor) heralding the message that Jesus saves, heals and delivers. During the 103rd Women's Day Worship her theme was *Women of Faith and Wisdom Uniting to Accomplish Great Things for God* (II Chronicles 26:5; Philippians 1:27). Each program participant presented their offerings to God in a way that strengthened the audience's resolve to work in unity and accomplish great things. Given the frustration felt by many exhausted by the economy, the threat of a dismantled healthcare initiative and other

headlines news, Mother Rivers wants her daughters to understand that they cannot afford *not to* take on risk, whatever form the battle takes. Supervisor Herdleen Russell (Republic of Ghana and Maryland Great First Jurisdiction) is one who embraces social and economic justice. She engaged the 7:45 a.m. Morning Manna audience in a masterfully prepared message to warn and encourage those who would leave the Convocation with a mindset to accomplish great things. Having been informed by Ghanaian officials that they are closing cults, which call themselves churches, she fought valiantly for her School of Ministry and other projects. The saints rejoiced as she shared that officials recognized the legitimacy of her work and refrained from shutting her down.



First Lady Mae Blake was gracious and beautiful

Then there's the women giving vent to the Spirit of joy. Under the leadership of Evangelist Bettye Nelson the Women's Chorus sang *I've God a Reason to Praise Him* and Evangelist Frances Kelley called for a "hot" testimony. Mother Emma Clark of Richmond, California testified that a young man from her area turned his life around after release from a 20 year jail sentence. In what was later found to be a mix up, he was picked up on a parole violation with the parole officer boasting he was going to "throw away the key." He called her at the convocation with a victorious report of an official coming to his cell, instructing him to gather his belongings, and God had brought him out! International Marshall Barbara McCoo Lewis shouted "let's praise God for His Word!" and the women did just that. After the roll call, Missionary Rose Marie

Rimson led the saints in *I'm So Glad that the Lord Saved Me* and *Running for my Life*. When the combined choirs belted out *Oh Jesus* Mother Lewis cried "There's nothing like the women of the Church Of God In Christ calling His name!" Tongue in cheek Assistant International Marshall Dr. Juliet White (wife of General Board Member Bishop Frank White) introduced the Wives of General Board members stating "They know the power behind the throne." After guest recording artist Kathy Taylor finished *Remember God Cares* the dance went forth again and the saints had a time. Mother Doris Brooks introduced the First Lady of the Church Of God In Christ Lady Mae Blake. She greeted the saints with humor and élan as only she can. Lady Blake has written a book titled "*A Class Act*" and many were eager to add it to their library. Mother Marilyn Cross, who ably organized the 60th Women's Int'l Convention (WIC) Coffey Train, shared information regarding the train to Dallas in 2011. The indomitable Supervisor Theresa Bolden welcomed delegates stating that everyone worked hard to ensure each individual would enjoy themselves in St. Louis.

It was now time for what delegates, first time attendees and special guests had awaited, the Annual Address from Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Advisory Board Chairperson Mother Artaska King warmly introduced Mother Rivers who sang *All the Glory, Honor and Praise Belong to God*. She then requested General Board Member and 2011 WIC Host, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes to greet delegates. After introducing co-hosts Supervisor Mother Freddye Carter (Texas Northeast First) and Supervisor Vanessa Macklin (Louisiana First) along with each Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico Supporting Supervisor he graciously welcomed them to Texas assuring them by saying "I will do anything I can to help make your time in Dallas enjoyable." Mother Rivers then stated that she thanked God for the leadership of Presiding Bishop Charles Blake and said "the Lord is here [in St. Louis]. As she does in each official women's setting, Mother Rivers shared her admiration for the Women of Honor, former Jurisdictional Supervisors, "if I...had a jet of my own I would...drop in on them." Speaking from the theme, she urged her daughters to expand their ministry and move forward in wisdom, personal integrity and honesty. Yet, each woman must work with the leaders and one another, building upon the foundation of each predecessor. Her innovative insights and understanding that the world has changed (but the Word of God has not), coupled with her firm stand on doctrinal issues and good tradition resonated with all her daughters—from the North, South, East and West, those attending from outside the U.S., progressive, moderate and conservative.

The colorful and sacred installation of new supervisors is performed in the evening, Mother Vernon Oliver Price set the tone with a medley: *I'm So Glad that the Lord Saved Me, Hold To His Hand, Stop Now It's Praying Time*." Executive Secretary Mother Olive Brown presented Candidates to Mother Rivers. Instructing them to "be careful and do the best job...always getting clarity on what you should do from your leader," she turned to the bishops and stated "I hope that none of the women give you problems. But if they do I ask you to let me come and try to straighten it out." After capping the women Mother Rivers appointed the following as Jurisdictional Supervisors:

Supervisor Daisy Leonara King
Bishop Harold A. Haughton, *Jamaica*

Supervisor Dian Marie Myler
Bishop Joseph C. Jenkins, *California Northwest*

Supervisor Margaret L. Baker
Bishop Paul L. Martin, *Hawaii*

Supervisor Carolyn Singleton
Bishop John P. Lee, *New York Eastern Fourth*

Supervisor Minnie Hill
Bishop Jewel R. Withers, Jr. *Arkansas First*

Supervisor Cloretta Grice
First Assistant Bishop P.A. Brooks, Interim Prelate, *Delaware*

Supervisor Anita Dunn
Bishop E.E. Perry, *Ohio Southern*

Supervisor Sheary D. Johnson
Bishop G. Wesley Hardy, *Virginia Fourth*

Supervisor Jeanette A. Watkins
Bishop Frank J. Anderson, Jr., *Arkansas Second*

Before presenting appointments to the following Assistant Jurisdictional Supervisors Mother Rivers informed them to "work with the Supervisor."

Assistant Supervisor Dorinda Clark Cole
Supervisor Corene Wade-Adams
Bishop J. Drew Sheard, *Michigan North Central*

Assistant Supervisor Lula Mae Johnson
Supervisor Amy L. Ingram
Bishop J. Wayne Leggett, *Southern Georgia Second*

Assistant Supervisor Juanita L. Stokes
Supervisor Grace Davis Harris
Bishop C.H. McClelland, *Wisconsin Northwest*

Assistant Supervisor Diane Van Dyke
Supervisor Willie Mae Smith
Bishop Paul L. Fortson, *Barbados and Caribbean*

Assistant Supervisor Sherry Whitfield
Supervisor Johnnie Harrison
Bishop Tony Leroy Hanna, *Bahamas*

Assistant Supervisor Barbara A. Ward
Supervisor Sheary D. Johnson
Bishop G. Wesley Hardy, *Virginia Fourth*

Sharing wisdom gained coming up through the ranks, she cautioned National Evangelists "not to take appointments when your jurisdictions meetings are going on, be careful to hold on to your reputation [as you go out]" and urged them to remember the small churches in their jurisdictions.

Evangelist Joann Tate-Grant
Supervisor Loretta L. Hogan-Whitsett
Bishop Isaac King, Jr., *Southwest Michigan Agape*

Evangelist Carolyn S. Porter
Supervisor Katie S. Allen
Bishop Benjamin J. Ravenel, *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

Finally, at the end of a long day the women gave the service into the hands of the General Church at 8:00 p.m. They look to their next gathering of all women and the roads lead to Dallas, Texas where they will come together for the 61st Women's International Convention. For information on Red Cards please contact the Department of Women's Office. ☪

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8. Some corporations may now make matching gifts to ASBC when their employees donate.
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Remembering Bishop Allie T. Moore



Bishop Allie T. Moore



Bishop Allie T. Moore was an institution within the institution. Bishop Moore was the last surviving Jurisdictional Bishop appointed by Senior Bishop Charles H. Mason, Founder of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Moore received his appointment from Bishop Mason in 1947. He served as Pastor of Moore Temple for 66 years and was strong in preaching and providing ministry to the end.

Bishop Moore's tenure of ministry began in 1934 in Louisville, Kentucky. He is known as a loving and care giving shepherd to his congregation and to the Kentucky Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction has forty congregations and the newly appointed Prelate, Bishop Dwight L. Haygood, will carry on the work. A. T. Moore had a pioneering spirit and his life's work is a history of traditional Church Of God In Christ values. He was an old-fashion prayer and shut-in pastor. He used his many gifts and talents to promote worship. He was a tremendous saxophonist, guitarist and pianist and was never without the ability to inspire the congregation.

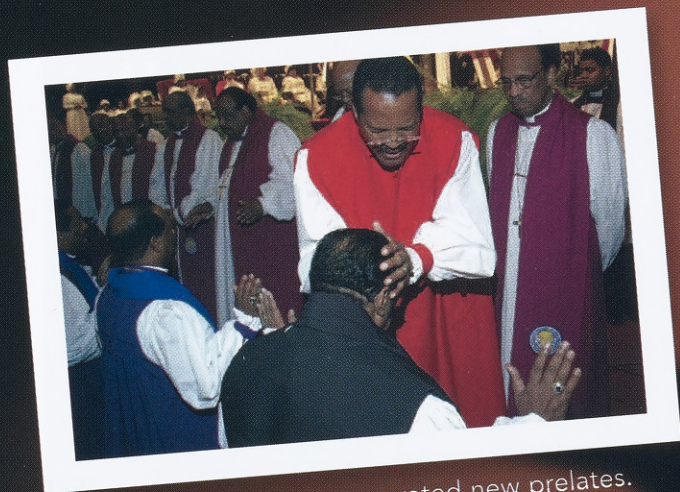
In the General Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Moore was a visionary and usually one step ahead of the rest. He was noted for his historic archives of Pentecostal History. He understood the history relevance of Bishop Mason. While others marveled at his preaching and prayer ministry, Bishop A. T. Moore recorded it. The most outstanding photos, recordings and films of Bishop Mason were captured by Bishop A. T. Moore. Bishop Moore

recorded the funeral of Bishop C. H. Mason, and generations later can get a feeling for a man born to slave parents. Bishop Moore's work is priceless! Without his contribution to the history of the Church Of God In Christ, there would be little record of our development. His sense of history alone sets Bishop Moore apart from the rest.

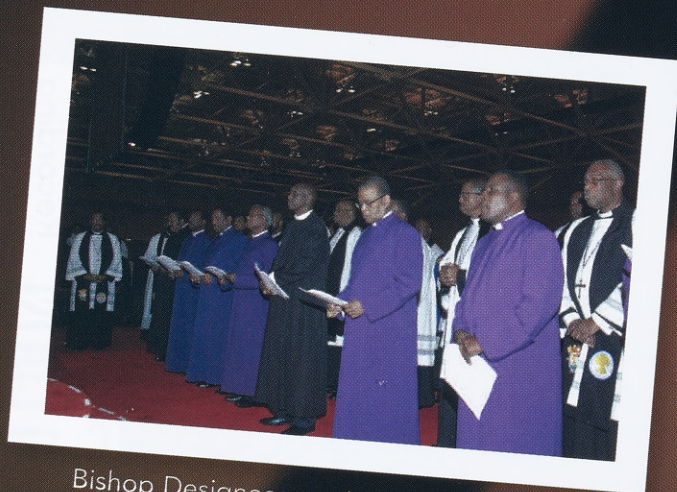
The Whole Truth remembers Bishop A. T. Moore as an educator. In 1994, the late Presiding Bishop Louis H. Ford proclaimed Bishop A.T. Moore "A Living Legend in the Church Of God In Christ." Bishop Moore wanted the youth to remain true to holiness. He loved children and wanted them to live beyond the contemporary values and spiritual challenges that shake persons' faith. He knew that naïve and enthusiastic youth can make mistakes. He was concerned that they have organizational structure and a humane hand to reach out to them at a time of decision. Therefore, his combination of music, prayer, and updated use of technology kept him in site of emerging youth. Over the period of 66 years in ministry, Bishop Moore helped a lot of youth mature into adult Christians who love God. Bishop Moore was indeed a "Man for all Seasons."

On February 7, 2010, this 98 year old legendary pioneer of Pentecostalism went home to be with the Lord. He left the Kentucky Jurisdiction and the entire Church Of God In Christ richer for us having been touched by him. ☺

2010 Bishop Designates Consecrated and Appointed



Presiding Bishop consecrated new prelates.



Bishop Designees await the consecration.

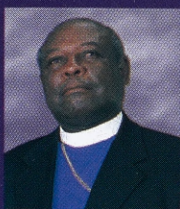
St. Louis, MO - The 103rd International Holy Convocation witnessed the consecration and appointment of eleven bishops. The new prelates were adorned in their official regalia after a thrilling communion sermon from Bishop Felton Smith, Presiding Bishop Blake and the General Board administered consecration. The beauty and splendor of the moment was both colorful and sacred.

Into the ranks of the high Episcopacy were the following men: Bishop Samuel Duncan, Jr, Southwest Michigan Third Jurisdiction, Bishop Taro Deandre Golden, Idaho Jurisdiction, Bishop Giles Wesley Hardy, Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Virginia, Bishop Willie C. Green, Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Florida, Bishop Francis M. Kamau, Cornerstone Faith Assembly Jurisdiction of Kenya, Bishop Bevin G. Lawrence India Third Jurisdiction, Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr., Texas Southeast Second Jurisdiction, Bishop James Lee Whitehead, Jr. Auxiliary, Southwest Michigan Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Episcopal assignments were given to Bishop Charles Edward Brown, Greater New Orleans Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Bishop John Drew Sheard, Michigan North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.



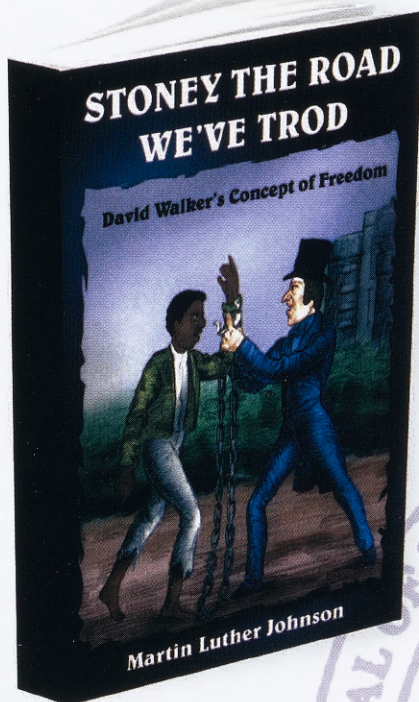
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Recording artists The Brown Sisters sang at the 103rd International Holy Convocation.



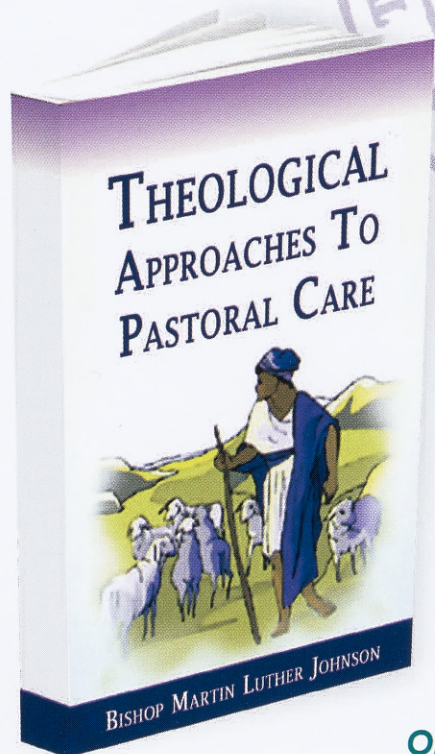
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By Bishop Martin Luther Johnson



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